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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 27th Day of *October*,
1778, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING OF THEIR THIRD SESSION.

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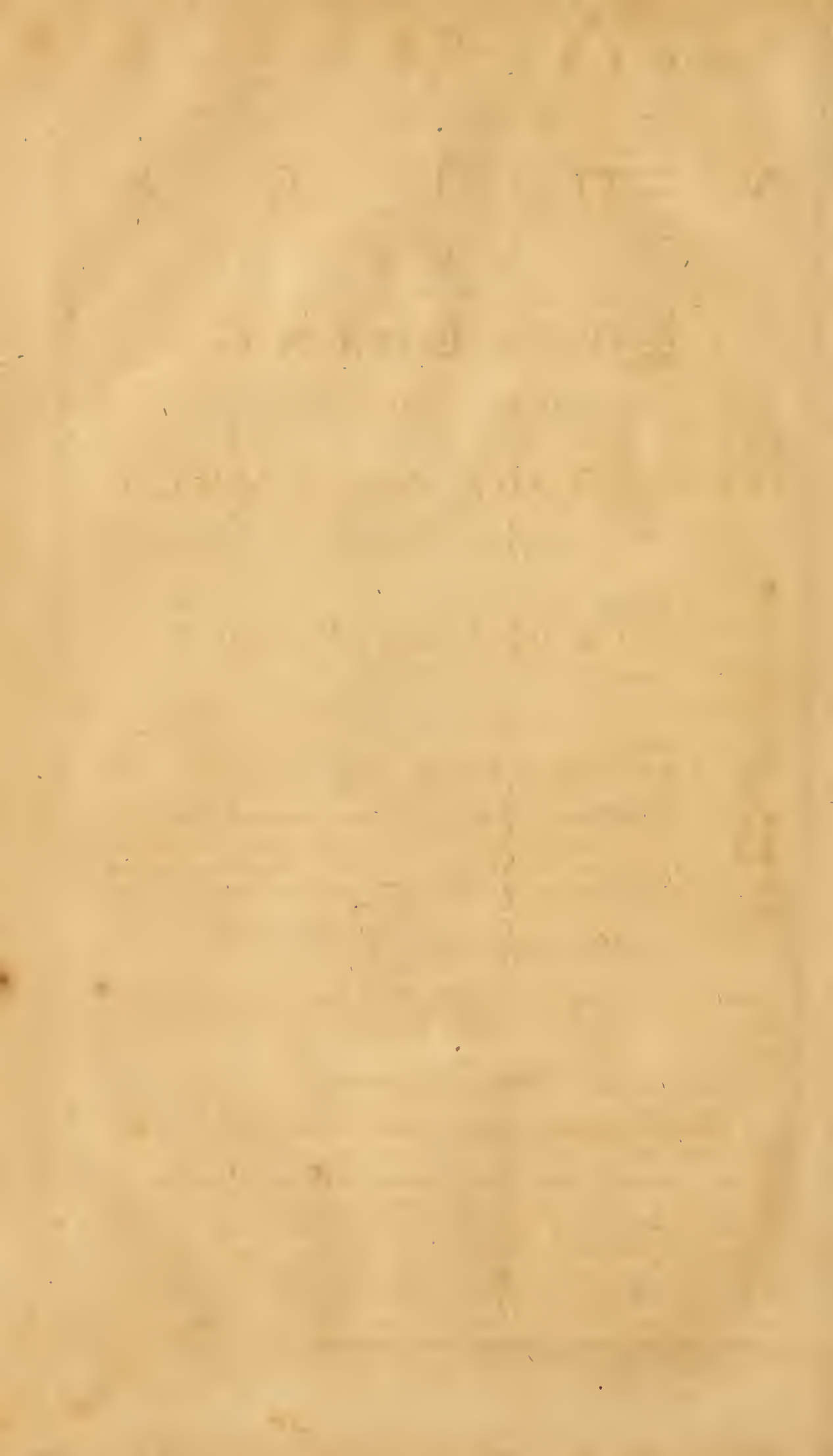
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MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>	{	Joost Beam,	{	Esquires.
	{	Peter Wilson,	{	
	{	Thomas Blanch,	{	
<i>Essex,</i>	{	Caleb Camp, <i>A</i>	{	Esquires.
	{	Jacob Brookfield,	{	
	{	Isaac Woodruff,	{	
<i>Middlesex,</i>	{	Benjamin Manning,	{	Esquires.
	{	Jacob Schenck,	{	
	{	Ebenezer Ford,	{	
<i>Monmouth,</i>	{	James Mott, jun.	{	Esquires.
	{	Peter Schenck,	{	
	{	Hendrick Smock,	{	
<i>Somerset,</i>	{	Roeloff Sebring,	{	Esquires.
	{	David Kirkpatrick,	{	
	{	William C. Houston,	{	
<i>Burlington,</i>	{	Thomas Fenimore,	{	Esquires.
	{	Caleb Shreve,	{	
	{	Josiah Foster,	{	
<i>Gloucester,</i>	{	Elijah Clark,	{	Esquires.
	{	<u>Joseph Ellis,</u>	{	
	{	<u>Joseph Cooper,</u>	{	
<i>Salem,</i>	{	Allen Congleton, jun.	{	Esquires.
	{	Whitten Cripps,	{	
<i>Cape-May,</i>	{	Jeremiah Eldredge,	{	Esquires.
	{	John Hand,	{	
	{	Richard Townsend,	{	
<i>Hunterden,</i>	{	John Hart, <i>Speaker,</i>	{	Esquires.
	{	Nehemiah Dunham,	{	
	{	David Chambers,	{	
<i>Morris,</i>	{	Jacob Drake,	{	Esquires.
	{	Abraham Kitchel,	{	
	{	David Thompson,	{	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	{	John Buck,	{	Esquires.
	{	Jonathan Bowen,	{	
	{	James Ewing,	{	
<i>Suffex,</i>	{	Caspar Shaffar,	{	Esquires.
	{	Jacob Mac Collum,	{	
	{	Benjamin Mac Cullough,	{	



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T R E N T O N , T u e s d a y , O c t o b e r 27, 1778.

B E I N G the Place and Time appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the annual Election, on the 13th Instant, several Persons returned as Members, attended ; but not being a Quorum, adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

W e d n e s d a y , O c t o b e r 28, 1778.

Several Persons returned as Members met pursuant to Adjournment ; but not being a Quorum, adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

W e d n e s d a y , A f t e r n o o n .

A Quorum of Persons returned as Members met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Peter Wilson and Thomas Blanch, returned as two of the Members for the County of Bergen ; Caleb Camp, Jacob Brookfield and Isaac Woodruff, returned as Members for the County of Essex ; Jacob Schenck, returned as one of the Members for the County of Middlesex ; James Mott, jun. Peter Schenck and Hendrick Smock, returned as Members for the County of Monmouth ; Roeloff Sebring, William Churchill Houston and David Kirkpatrick, returned as Members for the County of Somerset ; Thomas Fenimore and Caleb Shreve, returned as two of the Members for the County of Burlington ; Elijah Clark, returned as one of the Members for the

County of *Gloucester*; *Jeremiah Eldredge* and *John Hand*, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Cape-May*; *John Hart*, *Nehemiah Dunham* and *David Chambers*, returned as Members for the County of *Hunterdon*; *Jacob Drake* and *Abraham Kitchel*, returned as two of the Members for the County of *Morris*; *John Buck*, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*; and *Jacob Mac Collum*, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Suffex*, attending; the respective Certificates of their Election were read, approved, and ordered to be filed.

William Churchill Houston, Esquire, was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify *John Hart*, Esquire, who, being duly qualified accordingly, took his Seat; and the remaining Persons returned as Members being duly qualified by the said *John Hart*, Esquire, took their Seats in the House.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and the Ballots being taken, *John Hart*, Esquire, was declared duly elected, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, Forenoon, October 29, 1778.

The House met.

Benjamin Manning, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Middlesex*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Houston* be desired to officiate as Clerk, until a Clerk be appointed and do attend the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Camp* do wait on the Council, and inform them that the House of Assembly did yesterday Afternoon proceed to Business, and have elected the Honourable *John Hart*, Esquire, their Speaker; and that they are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor of the State for the ensuing Year, and do propose that the Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Clark* be a Committee to inspect the Journals, and to report such Business as stands referred or remains unfinished from the last Session.

Mr. *Mott* reported, That Mr. *Camp* and himself delivered the Message, with them entrusted, to Mr. *Stevens*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

Allen Congleton, jun. Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Salem*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Morris.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Oct. 29, 1778.

THAT Mr. Morris do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that this House have elected the Honourable John Stevens, Esquire, Vice-President of the Council, and will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting at three o'Clock this Afternoon, at the House of Mrs. Britton.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, and the Ballots being taken, Joseph Bloomfield, Esquire, was chosen.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Agreeably to Appointment the Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, October 30, 1778.

The House met.

Joseph Bloomfield, Esquire, yesterday elected Clerk of the House, attended; and having taken the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, and also an Oath for the faithful Discharge of his Office, he took his Place as Clerk of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fenimore, Mr. Mott, Mr. Smock, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sebring, or any three of them, be a Committee for the present Session to join a Committee of the Council, on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature. That the said Committee settle and report all Accounts, for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to the Committee of this House appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

Ordered,

That Mr. Manning and Mr. Blanch do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House, for the above Purpose.

Ordered,

That Mr. P. Schenck, Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Clark be a Committee to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

Mr. Manning reported, That Mr. Blanch and himself delivered the Message, with them entrusted, to the Vice-President, in Council.

Resolved,

That William Philips be Doorkeeper to the House during the present Sitting.

On Motion,

Resolved,

That this House will, on Monday Morning next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the State of the Commonwealth, and the Taxes necessary to be levied for the Service of the current Year.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock this Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Resolved,

Council-Chamber, Oct. 30, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Condict*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to take into Consideration the Situation of the Western Frontiers of this State, and the proper Mode of securing them against the Devastation of the *Indians* and Enemy; and that they meet at the House of Mr. *Williams*, at three o'Clock this Afternoon, and make Report as soon as possible.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of Council, for the above Purposes.

The House having considered the said Message,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Dunham*, Mr. *Woodruff*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Mac Collum*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message, and that they attend immediately at the Place appointed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Congleton* wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

A Petition from the Judges of the late annual Election, held in the County of *Salem* for Representatives of the said County in General Assembly, was presented and read, setting forth, that on suming up the Ballots two Candidates only were duly elected by a Majority, and that the two next highest had an equal Number of Votes, and praying that the House will direct some Method of supplying the Defect in their Representation;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do direct an Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Salem*, for electing another Representative of the said County in the General Assembly of this State, pursuant to Law.

James Erwing, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 31, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Drake* from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council on the State of the Western Frontiers, reported as follows: The Committee of the House of Assembly appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to take into Consideration the Situation of the Western Frontiers of this State, beg leave to report, that the said Committees having met and considered the Matters to them referred, are of Opinion that a Representation be made to Congress of the Dangers to which our Frontiers are exposed, with a Request that Part of the continental Forces be employed either for the Defence of that Quarter, or for carrying

ing the War into the *Indian* Country, in case a Force for that Purpose can be spared : That the said Committees have draughted a Letter to His Excellency the President of Congress for the above Purpose, to be subscribed and forwarded by the Vice-President of Council, if it should meet with the Approbation of both Houses.

By Order of Committee,

JACOB DRAKE.

Which Report, with the above-mentioned Letter, being read and considered,

Resolved,

That the same are approved.

The House then withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, adjourned to three o'Clock this Afternoon.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten o'Clock.

Monday, November 2, 1778.

The House met.

Benjamin Mac Cullough, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Suffex*, and *David Thompson*, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Morris*, appeared in the House and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, agreeably to the Order of *Friday* last, to consider the State of the Commonwealth, and the Taxes necessary to be levied for the Service of the current Year ; and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do sit again this Afternoon.

The House adjourned till three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the State of the Commonwealth, and the Taxes necessary to be levied for the Service of the current Year ; and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Manning* reported the Resolution of the Committee as follows ;

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* be raised by Tax, and paid into the Treasury on or before the first Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine.

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Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Dunham* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for the Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Ewing* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for raising *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* by Tax, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ebenezer Ford, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Middlesex*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourned till nine of the Clock to-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 3, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, made the following Report of sundry Matters referred and left unfinished from the last Session of Assembly, *to wit*,

1. A Committee was appointed to bring in a Bill for confiscating the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and disaffected Persons; but did not report.

2. A Committee was appointed to bring in a Bill to compel Persons having Monies in their Hands arising from Militia Fines, to account for the same, and to oblige the proper Officers to collect and account for such as remain due and uncollected, but did not report.

3. A Bill to make Provision for maimed and disabled Officers and private Soldiers, and for the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service, was committed, and has not been reported.

4. A Bill to dissolve the Marriage of *William Gifford* with *Elizabeth* his Wife, late *Elizabeth Smith*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

5. A Bill to incorporate the Library Society of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

6. A Bill to extend the Power of Justices of the Peace, in committing and removing Prisoners, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

7. A Bill for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp in the County of *Cape-May*, known by the Name of the *Great Cedar Swamp Bridge*, was read the second Time, and referred to this Session.

8. A Bill for the Relief of *John Barber* and *Caleb Farley*, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by *John Barnes*, late Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

9. A Bill for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of *New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and referred to this Session.

10. A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Great-Egg-Harbour*, praying that a Law may be passed for keeping the Roads of the said Township in proper Repair, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

11. A Petition from *William Hercules*, praying for publick Encouragement by Premium in the Manufactory of Boulting Cloths, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

12. A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Franklin*, in the County of *Bergen*, setting forth the Inequality of the Assessments made by the Freeholders and Assessors of said Township, and those of *Saddle-River* Precinct, and praying the Interposition of the Legislature, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

13. A Memorial of *John Gill*, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that he had been robbed by the Enemy of £. 226 : 5 : 0, Money belonging to the Loan-Office, and praying Allowance for the same, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

14. A Petition from *Thomas Newark*, of the County of *Salem*, setting forth, that his Dwellinghouse and other Buildings, Furniture, Apparel, Provisions and a considerable Quantity of Money, in continental Bills of Credit, had been burnt by the Enemy, and praying the Money may be re-imbursed, or such other Relief given as to the House shall seem meet, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

15. A Petition from Captain *Joshua Huddy*, praying Pay for the Use of two of his Horses, taken into the Artillery-Service, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

16. A Petition from *John Wilkins*, jun. Collector for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that two Town Collectors of said County had been taken Prisoners by the Enemy, and that other Collectors and Constables, through Fear of the Enemy, had omitted their Duty, whereby the Tax and Fines could not be raised in sundry Parts of that County by the Time the Law directs, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read the second Time, and referred for further Consideration.

17. A Memorial from the Militia Officers of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth a Number of Grievances respecting Bounty and Pay, and praying Redress, was read, and referred to this Session.

June Sitting, 1778.

1. A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of *Essex* and *Morris* Counties, praying an Amendment to a Law for clearing *Passaick* River, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

2. A Petition of *Jonathan Squires* and *William Cook*, complaining of Abuses from some of the Soldiers of the first and ninth *Virginia* Regiments, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

3. A Petition of *John Dunn*, praying Pay for a Horse lost in the Service, was read, and the Question having been taken, Whether the Prayer of the said Petition be granted? It passed in the Affirmative, but was omitted in the incidental Bill.

JAMES MOTT, jun.
ELIJAH CLARK.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 3, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have appointed Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Jenkins*, or any two of them, to be a Committee for the present Session, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature.

Ordered,

That the several Paymasters appointed in or by Virtue of an Act, intitled,

titled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, passed the third Day of April last, who have not already exhibited their Accounts, do immediately send in the same; and that the Colonels or commanding Officers of the respective Regiments who have not yet made Returns, do also forthwith transmit Accounts of the Time of Enlistment of the Recruits raised in the several Regiments, the Time the several Recruits were on Subsistence, and other Particulars of their Proceedings, agreeably to the twenty-fifth Section of the said Act, in Order that Measures may be taken to discharge any Arrears of Subsistence, Mileage or Wages due to any of the said Recruits before they joined their respective Regiments.

Whereas the House have received Information that the full Proportion of Recruits to be raised in Colonel *Richard Somers's* Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Gloucester*, in Virtue of an *An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, have not been raised and detached agreeably to the Directions of the said Act;

Ordered,

That the said Colonel *Somers* do attend the House with the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the said Regiment, on *Thursday*, the 12th Instant, that the House may be informed of the Reasons why the said Recruits have not been raised and detached.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Chambers*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill to make Provision for maimed and disabled Officers and private Soldiers, and for the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Thomas Harris*, a wounded and disabled Soldier of the second Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying the House to discharge the Surgeon's Bill, and other Expences, and to grant him Relief during such Disability; which being read,

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Committee last appointed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to dissolve the Marriage of William Gifford with Elizabeth his Wife, late Elizabeth Smith*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Library Society of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland*, being read, was ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to extend the Power of Justices of the Peace, in committing and removing Prisoners*, being read, was ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp, in the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar Swamp Bridge*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition

A Petition from sundry Proprietors of the Toll-Bridge, in the Upper Precinct of the County of *Cape-May*, and other Inhabitants of the said Precinct, was presented to the House and read, praying an Exemption from any Tax which may be imposed for building, amending and repairing the Bridge known by the Name of the *Great Cedar Swamp Bridge*;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Great-Egg-Harbour*, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying that a Law may be passed for keeping the Roads of the said Township in proper Repair by Hire, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Franklin*, in the County of *Bergen*, setting forth the Inequality of the Assessments made by the Freeholders and Assessors of said Township, and those of *Saddle-River* Precinct, and praying the Interposition of the Legislature, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for levying a Tax.

The Memorial of *John Gill*, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that he had been robbed by the Enemy of £. 226: 5: 0, Money belonging to the Loan-Office, and praying Allowance for the same, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Thomas Newark*, of the County of *Salem*, setting forth, that his Dwellinghouse and other Buildings, Furniture, Apparel, Provisions and a considerable Sum of Money, in continental Bills of Credit, had been burnt by the Enemy, and praying the Money may be re-imburshed to him, or such other Relief granted as to the House shall seem meet;

Resolved,

That the Petitioner ought to make Application to the Congress, as the Matter of his Petition does not properly come before this House.

The Petition from Captain *Joshua Huddy*, of the County of *Monmouth*, praying Pay for the Use of two of his Horses, taken into the Artillery-Service, was read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Ford*, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 4, 1778.

The House met.

A Petition from *Jane Reed* was presented to the House and read, setting

ting forth, that sundry invalid Officers, whom she had taken in to board, had injured her Furniture, and gone off in her Debt to the Amount of £. 36 : 0 : 0 ; and that she has rented a small House, late belonging to *Ihuac Allen*, from the Commissioners of the County of *Hunterdon*, which is so much out of Repair as to be untenantable, and praying Relief ; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the Laws of the State are adequate to the Relief of the Petitioner.

The Petition of *John Wilkins*, jun. Collector for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that two Town Collectors of said County had been taken Prisoners by the Enemy, and other Collectors and Constables through Fear of the Enemy, had omitted their Duty, whereby the Tax and Fines could not be collected, in sundry Parts of the said County, within the Time directed by Law, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Memorial from the Militia Officers of the County of *Monmouth*, complaining of sundry Grievances respecting Bounty-Money and Pay, and praying Redress, was read ;

Ordered,

That the said Memorial be referred to the Committee of publick Accounts, appointed by Law.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Petition of *Jonathan Squires* and *William Cook*, complaining of Abuses from some of the Soldiers of the first and ninth *Virginia* Regiments, was read and considered ; on the Question, Whether the House can at this Time grant Relief, agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners ? It passed in the Negative.

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of *Essex* and *Morris* Counties, praying an Amendment to the Law for clearing *Passaick* River, was read the second Time ;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of Assembly, provided they give Notice eight Weeks in the *New-Jersey Gazette*, and in three of the most publick Places adjacent, to all interested, to shew Cause, if any they have, at the next Sitting of Assembly, why the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted, and a Law passed accordingly.

Ordered,

That the Petition of *John Dunn* be delivered to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 5, 1778.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houfson*, Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Ewing*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised, or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Brookfield*, be a Committee to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to make Report thereof to the House.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Caspar Shaffar, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Suffex*; and *Jonathan Bowen*, jun. Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

The Petition of *William Hercules*, praying for publick Encouragement by Premium in the Manufacture of Boulting Cloths, was read; on the Question, Whether the House will encourage the Manufacture mentioned in the said Petition? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for that Purpose; and that Mr. *Houffon*, Mr. *Wilfon* and Mr. *Eldredge*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 6, 1778.

The House met.

A Memorial and Petition of *Aaron Hankinson*, Esquire, Colonel of the second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Suffex*, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be enabled to draw from the publick Stores a Supply of Arms for his Regiment;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to Mr. *Shaffar*, Mr. *Mac Collum*, Mr. *Mac Cullough*, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kitchel*, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to dissolve the Marriage of William Gifford with Elizabeth his Wife, late Elizabeth Smith*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time on *Tuesday* the seventeenth Instant, unless Cause be shewn to the Contrary;

Ordered also,

That *Elizabeth Gifford*, Wife of the said Captain *Gifford*, be served with a Copy of this Order at least six Days before the Day aforesaid; and that she do attend on that Day, to shew Cause, if any she hath, why the House should not proceed to pass the said Bill.

Ordered also,

That a Copy of this Order be served on the said *William Gifford*, at least six Days before the Day aforesaid.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Joost Beam, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of

of *Bergen*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

A Petition of *Eleazer Watkinson* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, was presented to the House and read, praying that an Act may pass to divorce them from each other;

Ordered,

That the same be read the second Time.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 7, 1778.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Library Society of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *P. Schenck*.

A Petition from the Commissioners of *Bergen* County was presented to the House and read, praying that in certain Instances they may proceed in the Sale of Fugitives & Estates in a more expeditious Way than is prescribed in the Act made for that Purpose.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be sent to the Council, as this House are informed they have before them a Bill relative to the subject Matter thereof.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, November 7, 1778.

THAT a Committee of the whole House be a Committee to join a Committee of the whole House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the subject Matter of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States; and that the Committee of Council appoint a Chairman, to make Report to this House of the Proceedings of the Conferees; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Britton*, on *Friday* next, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from his Excellency the Governor, purporting that he had received sundry Papers to be laid before the Legislature, which he had intended, as heretofore, to send to the House of Assembly; but that, by a Resolution of the Council, of which a Copy accompanied the Letter, they had claimed it as their Right to have all such Petitions and Papers as should come to him for the Legislature, laid before their House as soon as possible at their first Sitting after their Receipt; and proposing that the Matter be settled by Conference of the Houses: Which Letter, with the Resolution of Council, being read,

Ordered,


That the same be taken into Consideration on *Monday* next.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday,

Monday, November 9, 1778.

The House met.

The Speaker being absent, the House proceeded to appoint a Speaker for the Time, when Caleb Camp, Esquire, was chosen and placed in the Chair. 

Resolved,

That the Yeas and Nays of the Members be entered on every Question taken in the House, when moved for, and the Motion seconded.

Resolved,

That the Speaker have Power, during the Session, to convene the General Assembly whenever any extraordinary Occasion shall, in his Opinion, render it necessary.

Resolved,

That the Speaker and any two Members be a sufficient Number to meet and adjourn the House from Day to Day, when necessary.

Mr. *Kitchel*, from the Committee to whom the Memorial and Petition of Colonel *Aaron Hankinson*, of the second Regiment of *Suffex* Militia, was referred, reported, That they have considered the same, and cannot find that there are any publick Arms in the State to which the Legislature can have Recourse, but are informed that there are a Number of Arms belonging to the Continent in the Hands of *Robert Lettice Hooper*, Deputy Quarter-Master General, at *Easton*, which can probably be spared, if properly applied for ;

Resolved therefore,

That Colonel *Aaron Hankinson* be authorized, on the Part of the State, to borrow one hundred Stand of Arms of *Robert Lettice Hooper*, Deputy Quarter-Master General, at *Easton*, to be returned to the said Mr. *Hooper*, when required.

Resolved also,

That the said Colonel *Hankinson* be directed to take Receipts for the said Arms from the Persons to whom they are delivered, and that they be accountable for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Shreve* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with the above Resolves.

The House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council, of *Saturday* last, by Mr. *Condict* ;

Ordered,

That a Committee of the whole House be a Committee to join a Committee of the whole Council, at the Time and Place appointed in the said Message, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States, and that the Committee of the whole House of Assembly appoint a Chairman, to report to their House the Proceedings of the Conference.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Shreve* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Agreeably to the Order of *Saturday*, the House proceeded to the Consideration of the Governor's Letter of that Date, and the Resolution of Council accompanying the same ; and after Debate,

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Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed to to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 10, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Buck* reported, that Mr. *Shreve* and himself delivered the Messages, with them entrusted, to the President of the Council, the Council not then sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to extend the Power of Justices of the Peace, in committing and removing Prisoners*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Eldredge*.

The House resumed the Consideration of His Excellency's Letter of *Saturday*, and the Resolution of Council accompanying the same; whereupon,

1. *Resolved,*

That this House being informed the Council have already taken up and decided upon the Matter in Question, the House cannot think it advisable, such being the Case, to request a Conference thereon.

2. *Resolved,*

That all Papers addressed to the Governor, in Capacity of President of the Council, or however addressed, if they specially pertain to them, agreeably to the Meaning of the Constitution, are properly to be laid before the Council immediately.

3. *Resolved,*

That all Papers addressed to the Governor in Quality of Supreme Magistrate, for the Use of the Legislature, generally and not specially pertaining to either House, may with Propriety be laid before either House indifferently, and that the Governor ought to be at Liberty to Exercise his Discretion in such Case.

The Question being put on this Resolution, it passed in the Affirmative, as follows,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> .
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,			

4. *Resolved,*

That all Resolutions of Congress, and other Papers and Matters relating to the raising, granting, or appropriating of Money, come properly before this House in the first Instance.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* do wait on the Governor with a Copy of these Resolutions, and acquaint him that this House are disposed to acquiesce in the Discontinuance of any Usage or Custom which may be thought inconvenient,

inconvenient, or to have a Tendency to retard the publick Business; provided their Privileges and Rights be not thereby impaired or infringed.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that he had delivered the Resolutions, with him entrusted, to the Governor.

A Representation from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, one of the Judges and Justices of the said County, had acted in several Respects inconsistently with the Duties of his Office, and in Contempt and Violation of the Laws and Government of the State, and praying to be heard in Support of the Charges by them alledged against him;

Ordered,

That they be heard before the House on *Saturday* the 14th of this Instant, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

Ordered also,

That Colonel *Bodo Otto*, Captain *John Wood*, *Charles West*, *William Wilkins* and *Samuel Branson*, do attend this House at the same Time.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with the following Papers:

1. An Account of the military Stores belonging to the State.
2. A Resolve of Congress, recommending the Suppression of theatrical Entertainments, Gaming, Horseracing, &c.
3. A Representation of *James Caldwell*, Deputy Quarter-Master General, at *Springfield*, on the Difficulty of procuring Firewood and other Necessaries, for the Troops stationed in that Quarter; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp, in the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar Swamp Bridge*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Buck*, Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Clark*.

The Petition from sundry Proprietors of the Toll-Bridge, in the Upper Precinct of the County of *Cape-May*, and other Inhabitants of the said Precinct, praying an Exemption from the Tax to be imposed by the said Bill for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp, in the County of *Cape-May*, was read the second Time, and referred to the above Committee.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* have Leave of Absence till next *Thursday*, on special Business.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 11, 1778.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time;

After Debate,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed to the Afternoon.

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The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of New-Jersey*; and after Debate,
Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Houfston*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Blanch*.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Great-Egg-Harbour*, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying that a Law may be passed for keeping the Roads of said Township in Repair by Tax, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of General Assembly, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, provided they give Notice by Advertisements in five of the most publick Places of the said Township, at least thirty Days previous to the Commencement of the said Sitting, and no Objection appear to the Contrary.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 12, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Manning* from the Committee appointed for the Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *John Wilkins, jun.* Collector for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that two Town Collectors of said County had been taken Prisoners by the Enemy, and other Collectors and Constables, through Fear of the Enemy, had omitted their Duty, whereby the Tax and Fines could not be collected in several Parts of the said County within the Time directed by Law, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read the second Time; and sundry of the Members of the House representing that by Reason of the Circumstances of the Times, the same or similar Difficulties subsist in the Counties they represent.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Bowen*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for collecting the Arrears of such Taxes as have not been fully raised.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 13, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Houfston*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Per-*
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missions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned ; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, and withdrew to join a Committee of the whole Council, for the Purpose mentioned in their Message of *Saturday* last ; and, after some Time, returned, when Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clark*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Joint-Committees had met, and made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and that the Committee of this House desire Leave to sit again this Afternoon ;

Ordered,

That the Committee have Leave accordingly.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, and withdrew to join a Committee of the whole Council, for the Purpose mentioned in their Message of *Saturday* last ; and, after some Time, returned, when Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clark*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Joint-Committees had come to a Resolution, which they had directed to be reported to the respective Houses, and which he was ready to report when the House will please to receive the same ;

Ordered,

That the Report be made to-morrow Morning.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 14, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Clark*, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, appointed to join a Committee of the whole Council in free Conference on the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States, reported the Resolution of the Joint-Committee, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Table, where the same was again read, as follows :

Resolved,

That notwithstanding this Committee view with Concern the unequal Terms of the Articles of Confederation between the several States ; and notwithstanding the Objections lately stated and sent to Congress, on the Part of this State, are founded in Justice and Equity, and several of them of the most essential Moment to the Interest thereof ; yet, maturely considering the urgent Necessity of acceding to the Confederacy ; that every separate and detached State-Interest ought to be postponed to the publick Good ; and firmly relying that the Candour and Justice of the several States will, in due Time, remove the Inequality which now subsists ;

It is therefore the Opinion of this Committee,

That the Delegates representing this State in Congress, be immediately instructed to subscribe the said Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union ;

Union; that the same may become conclusive on the Part of this State, and obligatory thereon; and that a Committee of both Houses be appointed to prepare Instructions to the said Delegates for that Purpose.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees to the said Report? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,		Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,		Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,		Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jacob Schenck* have Leave of Absence, on Account of Indisposition.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Representation from General *Maxwell* and the Field-Officers of the *Jersey* Brigade, setting forth the Necessity of an immediate Supply of Cloathing for the Troops, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces of this State, in the Service of the United States.

Agreeably to the Order of *Tuesday* last, several of the Persons subscribing to the Representation against *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, one of the Judges and Justices of the County of *Gloucester*, together with the Evidences summoned to appear on the same Occasion, attended the House; and, being called in, their respective Examinations were taken, and thereupon they withdrew;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of this Matter be deferred to *Tuesday* next, in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till *Monday*, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, November 16, 1778.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 16, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Ogden* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare Instructions to the Delegates of this State, in the Continental Congress, agreeably to the Report of the Joint-Committee of both Houses, in Conference on the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States; and that Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

The House having considered the said Message,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Thompson*, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; and that Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Houston*,

Mr. *Houffon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised, or to be raised in this State, in the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 17, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Dunham* reported, that Mr. *Hand* and himself delivered the Message, with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, November 17, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws, passed in New-Jersey previous to the present Constitution*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein;

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Elizabeth Gifford, Wife of Captain *William Gifford*, attending according to Order, was called in, and heard in her Defence against the Charges exhibited by the said Captain *Gifford* in his Petition to the Legislature, and then withdrew.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to dissolve the Marriage of William Gifford with Elizabeth his Wife, late Elizabeth Smith*, was read the third Time, amended in the House, and upon the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Evidence against *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, one of the Judges and Justices of the County of *Gloucester*; and on the Question, Whether the same is sufficient on which to ground an Impeachment against him? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houffon* and Mr. *Chambers* be a Committee to prepare and report Articles of Impeachment against the said *Thomas Denny*, Esquire.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 18, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the Committee appointed for the Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Whereas *John Holme*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing for the County of *Salem*, did, in the Month of *February* last, purchase a large Quantity of Cloth for the Use of the Troops of this State, which was delivered to Colonel *Israel Shreve* and Lieutenant-Colonel *David Brearley*:

Brearley: And whereas a Part thereof was by them distributed among the Officers of the several Regiments of this State, and remains to be paid for by the said Officers, agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, of December last;

Resolved,

That *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, or such Person as he may appoint for the Purpose of distributing the Cloathing now in his Hands to the Troops of this State, be empowered to receive from the said Officers the several Sums due from them, agreeably to said Resolve of Congress, to be accounted for to the Legislature.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Shreve* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with the above Resolution.

A Petition from *John Ogden, jun.* of *Newark*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, he purchased certain Lands the Property of his Father, then sold in Virtue of an Order of the Legislature by *Stephen Skinner*, the Eastern Treasurer—That he has not paid the Purchase-Money, nor obtained a Deed therefor, and praying that the Legislature will authorize and appoint some proper Person to receive the Purchase-Money, and give a sufficient Deed for said Lands;

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *Houston*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to prepare Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in Congress, empowering them to sign and ratify the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States, reported, That the Joint-Committee had agreed upon the Form of Instructions for that Purpose, which they are of Opinion ought to be authenticated by a Law, and that a Bill for that Purpose do originate in Council; and on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,		Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,		Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,		Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the second Time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House;

Ordered,

That the said Committee do sit immediately:

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill; and, after some Time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Committee do sit again this Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Fenimore* reported, That Mr. *Shreve* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Tallman*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for the Support of Government; and, after some Time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again;

Ordered,

That the said Committee do sit again to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 19, 1778.

The House met.

On Motion,

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Hand* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising the Fines to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, November 19, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey, in Congress, to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein;

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for the Support of Government; and, after some Time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which he was ready to report whenever the House would please to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Manning* reported the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows, *viz.*

1. *Resolved,*

That in and by the said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esquire, Governor of this State, at the Rate of £.1000 per Annum; to which the House agreed.

2. To the Honourable *Robert Morris*, Esquire, Chief-Justice of this State, at the Rate of £.500 per Annum; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It was carried as follows:

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For £. 500.	For £. 500.	For £. 450.	For £. 450.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. MacCollum,
Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Shaffar.	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. MacCullough.
		Mr. Shreve,	

Carried for £. 450 ; to which the House agreed ;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Report be referred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey, in Congress, to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States*, was read the second Time ;

Ordered, That the same have a third Reading.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with an Act of the Council and House of Representatives of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, to prevent the Return to that State of certain Persons therein named, who have left the same, or either of the United States, and joined the Enemies thereof, transmitted to His Excellency by the President of the State of *Massachusetts-Bay*, which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dissolve the Marriage of William Gifford with Elizabeth his Wife, late Elizabeth Smith*, was read and compared ; and on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was negatived as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Collum.
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Shaffar,		
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Mac Cullough.		
Mr. Fenimore,			

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for Support of Government.

3. To the Honourable *Isaac Smith*, Esquire, Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, at the Rate of £. 400 per Annum ; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	who voted for £. 350.
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Shreve,	
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Shaffar,		
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Mac Cullough.		
Mr. Eldredge,			

4. To the Honourable *John Cleves Symmes*, Esquire, Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, at the Rate of £. 350 per Annum; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houffon</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> , who voted
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,	for £. 400.
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> , who voted
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	for £. 300.
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,		

5. To *William Paterfon*, Esquire, Attorney-General of this State, at the Rate of £. 40 per Annum; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houffon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> , who voted	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	for £. 60.	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> , who
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,		voted for nothing.
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .		

6. To *John Stevens*, jun. Esquire, Treasurer, at the Rate of £. 400 per Annum; and, on the Question, it passed as follows:

For £. 400.	For £. 350.	For £. 350.	For £. 350.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houffon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,
Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .
	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,		

Carried for £. 350; to which the House agreed.

7. To each of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this State, for attending the Circuit Courts and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the Manner prescribed by the said Act, the Sum of £. 10 for each Time; to which the House agreed.

8. To each of the Delegates in Congress, the Sum of £. 3 by the Day, for each Day they respectively attend; to which the House agreed.

9. To each of the Members of Council, for the Time they shall attend at this or any Sitting of General Assembly, the Sum of *Thirty Shillings* per Day; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houffon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> , who
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	voted for 25s. per Day.
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .		
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,			

10. To the Clerk of the Council, the Sum of *Forty Shillings* per Day, for each Day he shall have attended at this or any other Sitting of the General Assembly; and also the Sum of *One Shilling* per Sheet, reckon-

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ing ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes of the Council and the Joint-Meeting fair in the Journals, and at the like Rate for a Copy thereof for the Printer ; to which the House agreed.

11. To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the Sum of *Forty Shillings* per Day ; and also the Sum of *One Shilling* per Sheet, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Journals, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer ; to which the House agreed.

12. To *Isaac Collins*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, such Sum or Sums as *John Hart*, *William Churchill Houston*, *James Mott*, jun. *Thomas Fenimore* and *David Chambers*, Esquires, or any three of them, shall agree to be paid for the same ; to which the House agreed.

13. To the Sergeant at Arms for the Time being, who shall attend the Council, the Sum of *Ten Shillings* per Day ; to which the House agreed.

14. To the Sergeant at Arms for the Time being, who shall attend the House of Assembly, the Sum of *Ten Shillings* per Day ; to which the House agreed.

15. To the Doorkeeper of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of *Ten Shillings* per Day ; to which the House agreed.

16. To the Doorkeeper of the House of Assembly for the Time being, the Sum of *Ten Shillings* per Day ; to which the House agreed.

17. To the Speaker and each Member of the House of Assembly, for the Time they may respectively attend at any Sitting during the Continuance of the said Act, the Sum of *Thirty Shillings* per Day ; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunbar</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	who voted for 25s
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	per Day.
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .		
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as reported and agreed to, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, November 20, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Woodruff*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, made the following Report :

1. That the Act, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

2. That the Act, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry*

sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forfeiting, Regrating and Engrossing, will expire at the End of this Sitting of Assembly.

3. That the Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey, expired the fifteenth Day of this Instant.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, was presented to the House and read, praying that a Law may pass to excuse all Persons who are conscientiously scrupulous about taking an Oath, from swearing in any Cases whatsoever, and to allow such the Affirmations in like Manner as the same is allowed to the People called *Quakers*;

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey, in Congress, to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the several States*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Beam,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Shaffar,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Schring,	Mr. Drake,		Mr. Hand,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,		Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Thompson,		Mr. Boreen.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Bowen and Mr. Ford do wait on the Council, and inform them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Bowen reported, that Mr. Ford and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Condict.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 20, 1778.

THAT Mr. Condict carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses, and other Necessaries for the Army, and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 21, 1778.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses, and other Necessaries for the Army, and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Manning*.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Houfson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in Articles of Impeachment against *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, one of the Judges and Justices of the County of *Gloucester*; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houfson* and Mr. *Kitchel* be a Committee to present the said Articles to the Council, and to manage the Impeachment before them, on the Part of this House, when they shall order a Hearing thereon.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Jenkins*.

Council-Chamber, Nov. 21, 1778.

THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 18th of *November*, Instant, relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to receive certain Sums of Money from the Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* have Leave of Absence till *Tuesday* next, on special Business.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 23, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Buck*, on Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Swine from running at Large in Bridge-Town, in the County of Cumberland*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Manning*, with Leave, brought in a Bill to revive and continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time;

On

On Motion for an Amendment to the Title of said Act, and that *One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds* be inserted, instead of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*: After Debate, and the Question put, Whether the House agrees to the said proposed Amendment? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
Mr. Buck.	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Chambers,	

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of said Bill be referred till to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Smock and Mr. Wilson do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Smock reported, That Mr. Wilson and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That same be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws, passed in New-Jersey previous to the present Constitution*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ford.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time; on the Question,

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 24, 1778.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered,
That the further Consideration of the said Bill be referred to the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Smock.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Buck,	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Shaffar,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. MacCollum,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. MacCullough.	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Drake,		

Ordered,
That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,
That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,
That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,
That Mr. Drake and Mr. MacCullough do carry the said Bills to the Council, and request their Concurrence.

Mr. Drake

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *Mac Cullough* and himself had delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey* ;

On Motion for an Amendment of that Part of the said Bill respecting the taxing of Tan-Yards :

After Debate, and the Question put, Whether Tan-Yards shall be taxed ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schring</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		

Also, On Motion for an Amendment of that Part of the said Bill respecting the Taxing of single Men who live with, and work for their Parents :

After Debate, and the Question put, Whether single Men, who live at Home with their Parents, and work for them, and do not work for Hire except in Harvest-Time, be taxed ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schring</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		

And also, On Motion for an Amendment of that Part of the said Bill respecting the laying a Tax of *Thirty Shillings*, at the highest, on Slaves in this State :

After Debate, and the Question put, Whether Slaves shall be taxed at *Thirty Shillings*, at the highest or more ? It passed as follows :

For 30s.	For 30s.	For more.	For more.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,		Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	

The Votes being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for *Thirty Shillings*.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of said Bill be referred till to-morrow Morning.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with

with a Resolution of Congress of the tenth Instant, "appointing the Honourable *Nathaniel Scudder*, *Gouverneur Morris* and *William Whipple*, Esquires, a Committee to superintend the Commissaries and Quarter-Masters Departments, empowering them to take such Steps relating to the same, as they shall think most for the publick Service ;" and also three Letters, of the tenth and eleventh Instant, from the said Committee, relative to their Appointment and Duty thereon ; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Officers of the several Companies of Militia Dragoons in this State, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the many Inconveniencies arising from their Want of Field-Officers, and of being established into a Regiment of Cavalry, and praying the Legislature to form the said Companies into a Regiment of Cavalry, and to appoint Field-Officers for the same ; and also praying, that Provision may be made for Horses lost by any of the said Dragoons in the Service ; which was ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 25, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws passed in New-Jersey, previous to the present Constitution*, reported fundry Amendments to the same ; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Table, where they were again read and agreed to by the House ;

Resolved unanimously,

That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Eldredge* do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. *Brookfield* reported, that Mr. *Eldredge* and himself delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, to them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Memorial from *Henry Budd*, of *Bordentown*, was presented to the House and read, praying an Allowance for making Cartouch-boxes and other Accoutrements for the Militia ; which was ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Buck* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*.

On Motion for an Amendment to that Part of the said Bill which directs that Money at Interest be taxed :

After Debate, and the Question put, Whether any Money at Interest be taxed ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Shaffar,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Collum.	
Mr. P. Schenck,			

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of said Bill be referred to the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey :*

On Motion for an Amendment to that Part of the said Bill respecting the Quotas of the several Counties :

After Debate, and the Question put, Whether the Quotas, as stated in the said Bill, stand or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Beam,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Woodruff,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ford,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Chambers.
Mr. Fenimore,		

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 26, 1778.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey ;* and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of said Bill be referred till to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon,* was read the second Time ;

Whereupon sundry Witnesses attending the House to give Evidence on said Bill, were called in and sworn, and their respective Examinations were taken, and thereupon they withdrew.

And the said Bill being amended in the House,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday,

Friday, November 27, 1778.

The House met.

Whitten Cripps, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the County of *Salem*, appeared in the House and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, also brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising their Fines for Neglect or Refusal of Duty*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> .
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houffon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Erwing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,	
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Three Messages were received from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, Nov. 26, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, Nov. 26, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws passed in New-Jersey, previous to the present Constitution*, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, Nov. 26, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, with the Amendments made thereto by the House, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Which Amendments were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*; and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eldredge* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

The House adjourned to five of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*; and the said Bill being further amended in the House, on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 27, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Clark* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* have Leave of Absence till next *Thursday*, on special Business.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Saturday, November 28, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Houffon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which being read, and the said Bill further amended in the House, on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mac Cullough* have Leave of Absence till *Tuesday* next, on special Business.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 30, 1778.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Kirkpatrick do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Woodruff reported, that Mr. Kirkpatrick and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Clark, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Congleton.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Shaffar,	
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Collum.	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Dunham,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ewing and Mr. Thompson do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Petition from Powell Carpenter, of Salem County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth his being dangerously wounded on the seventeenth Day of March last, at Hancock's Bridge, that thereby he is disabled from doing any Business, and praying Relief;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service.

Mr. Houston, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice Persons charged with Robbery, and other atrocious Offences against the Peace of this State*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Ewing reported, that Mr. Thompson and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Jenkins, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. Houston,

Mr. Houston, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, also brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Manufacture of Boulting-Cloths*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kirkpatrick, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for the Encouragement of Education.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 1, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the second Section of the above Bill, by leaving out the Words "continued with," and the Words "or otherwise" in the said Section; on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. MacCollum.
Mr. Bowen.	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Chambers,	

A Motion also was made for a further Amendment to the said second Section, that "the Declaration of Treason against Subjects of other States" be expunged; on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Clark.	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Drake,
	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,
	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,
	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Ewing,
	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,
	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffar,
	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. MacCollum.
	Mr. Sebring,		

And, On the Question, Whether the said second Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.

Mr. Beam,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Woodruff,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. P. Schenck,
Mr. Smock,

Yeas.

Mr. Sebring,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Houston,
Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Hand,
Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Chambers,

Yeas.

Mr. Drake,
Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. Mac Collum.

Nays.

Mr. Mott,
Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Clark,
Mr. Cripps.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of said Bill be deferred till the Afternoon.

Two Messages were received from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 1, 1778.

THAT Mr. Clark wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, is passed by this House.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 1, 1778.

THAT Mr. Clark wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have had under their Consideration the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, but no Evidence hath been laid before this House relative to most of the Facts necessary to be known in order to judge of the Justice or Propriety of said Bill; nor does it appear that one of the Parties concerned, who will be deeply affected in case the said Bill pass into a Law, hath had proper Notice of any Application for the same: All which Matters are necessary to be communicated to this House, before they can proceed any further on the Bill.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the third Section of said Bill, by expunging the Words "or otherwise" from the same; and, on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Mr. Mott,
Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Clark,
Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Bowen.

Nays.

Mr. Beam,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Woodruff,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. J. Schenck,
Mr. P. Schenck,

Nays.

Mr. Smock,
Mr. Sebring,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Houston,
Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Hand,
Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Chambers,

Nays.

Mr. Drake,
Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Mac Cullough.

And,

And, On the Question, Whether the said third Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Shaffar,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of said Bill be postponed.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Petition from Captain *Benjamin Dennis*, of *Monmouth County*, praying that he and his Company may be allowed the Reward offered by the Governor's Proclamation, of the fifth of *October* last, for taking and securing a certain *Jacob Fagan*, a notorious Robber in said County ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 1, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for taking Charge of, and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates ; and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.*

Which said Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Afternoon three of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 2, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp, in the Upper Precinct of the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar Swamp Bridge*, was read the second Time ; and, on the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses, and other Necessaries for the Army, and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, was read the second Time ;

Ordered,

That the said Bill have a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*, was read the second Time, and amended in the House ; and, on the Question,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read; and the said Amendments being read in their Places, on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the said Amendments? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry back to the Council the said Bill, with the Amendments, and acquaint them that this House doth not agree to the said Amendments, but do adhere to their Bill.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Thursday, December 3, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself delivered the Bill, with them entrusted, to Mr. *Holmes*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not then sitting.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Library Society of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland*, reported the same, with sundry Amendments, which were read; and, after debating the same Paragraph by Paragraph, on the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Negative.

The Petition of *John Ogden, jun.* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Brookfield*, be a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and report to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

The Memorial of *Henry Budd* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Memorialist be directed to apply to the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 3, 1778.

T H A T Mr. *Sinnickson* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have receded from their Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*; and passed the said Bill.

The Petition of *Eleazer Watkinson* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, was read the second Time; and, on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted? It passed in the Negative.

The Petition of the Officers of the several Companies of Dragoons in this State, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly.

The Petition of Captain *Benjamin Dennis*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Incident-
al Bill.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of cer-
tain Taxes*, was read and compared; and, on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Ford* do carry the said Bill to the Council,
for Concurrence.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Joseph Ellis, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the Coun-
ty of *Gloucester*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of
his Election, which was read;

Whereupon the said *Joseph Ellis*, Esquire, informed the House that
he declined taking his Seat, on Account of the Situation of his private
Affairs, being such as not to admit of his Attendance, and withdrew.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Ford* and himself delivered the Bill,
with them entrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of the
Council, the Council not then sitting.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, December 4, 1778.

The House met.

Richard Townsend, Esquire, returned as one of the Members for the
County of *Cape-May*, appeared in the House and produced the Certifi-
cate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed;
whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in
the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the
Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp, in the Upper Precinct of the
County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar Swamp
Bridge*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the
same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houffon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Evans</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Callough</i> .	Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,		Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,		Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,		Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,		Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sehring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,		Mr. <i>Shaffar</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,		Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Townsend* do carry the said Bill to the
Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Congleton* reported, that Mr. *Townsend* and himself delivered the
Bill, with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and
disabled*

disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service, was read the second Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* have Leave of Absence, on special Business.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Sebring*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service*; and, after debating the same Paragraph by Paragraph, on the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smock* have Leave of Absence till Monday next, on special Business.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* have Leave of Absence, on Account of Indisposition of Body.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Saturday, December 5, 1778.

The House met.

Colonel *Richard Somers* attended the House in consequence of a Citation of the third Day of November last, and gave several Reasons for his Non-attendance on the Day appointed in the said Citation, which were received as satisfactory; and further informed the House, that the Proceedings of the Commissioners of his Regiment having been sent away by his Family on a late Approach of the Enemy, it is not, at this Time, in his Power to produce them;

Ordered,

That Colonel *Somers* do produce the Minutes of the said Proceedings to this House, or to the Committee on publick Accounts appointed by Law, as soon as it may be in his Power.

On the Question, Whether the Journals of the present Sitting be printed before those of the former Assembly, which are now in the Hands of the Printer? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sbreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,		Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,		Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,		Mr. <i>Gripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,		Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,		Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .

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The Bill, intitled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising the Fines to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty*, was read the second Time, and debated; on the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That a Box of Linens, now in the Quarter-Master's Store in Trenton, containing four hundred and seventy-one Ells of *Ticklenburghs*, and three Pieces of *Russia* Sheeting of fifty Ells each, belonging to this State, be immediately forwarded to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, at *Princeton*, to be made up for the Use of the *New-Jersey* Regiments in the Service of the United States, and that Mr. *Kelsey* be accountable to the Legislature for the same;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

Mr. *Manning* reported, that Mr. *Thompson* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* have Leave of Absence till Monday next in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 5, 1778.

THE House having resumed the Consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly, of the ninth of *November* last; upon the Question, disagreed to the Resolutions therein contained.

Resolved,

That in case the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Suffex* shall judge it necessary, and accordingly shall borrow any Number of Fire-Arms for arming their Militia, that the Legislature, by an Act for that Purpose, will empower the Justices and Freeholders of the said County, for the Time being, to raise Money by Tax on that County, sufficient to discharge and make good the Loss that may happen by damaging or with-holding any of the Arms which they may borrow, and shall not be able to return in good Order.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence with this Resolution.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 5, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to explain and amend an An, intitled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time;

Motion for an Amendment,

That the Part of the Act, intitled, *An Act to prevent the Subjects of this*

this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, authorizing a Colonel commanding a Detachment at any particular and separate Post, to grant Passports to go into the Enemy's Lines, be in this Act repealed; it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Manning,		Mr. Houston,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. J. Schenck,		Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,
		Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,
		Mr. Clark,	Mr. Shaffur,
		Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Mac Cullough.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed till next Thursday.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning next, ten of the Clock.

Monday, December 7, 1778.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Manning and Mr. Thompson do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. Manning reported, that Mr. Thompson and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Deare.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 5, 1778.

THAT Mr. Deare wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Customhouse Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether any Person engaged in the Study of Theology, with a View of undertaking the ministerial Office, whether attendant on the Lectures of a publick Professor of Divinity, or prosecuting his Studies under the Direction and Instruction of a publick Preacher of the Gospel of any Denomination of Christians within this State, be exempted from military Service in the same Manner as School-Masters are exempted in the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,	
Mr. Kitchel,			
Mr. Thompson.			

On Motion for an Amendment to leave out that Part of the Bill whereby Students at Colleges are exempted from military Duty ; Question put ; carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Beam,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Brookfield,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen.	Mr. Mac Collum,
			Mr. Mac Cullough.

On the Question,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Van Neste.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 7, 1778.

THAT Mr. Van Neste do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the Great Cedar Swamp, in the Upper Precinct of the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar Swamp Bridge*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 7, 1778.

THAT Mr. Van Neste do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for the State of New-Jersey, and vesting him with certain Powers*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to five of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

On Motion, and the Question put, Whether the Words in the second Section “ and become a Subject in Allegiance to the present Government, by taking the Oaths or Affirmations prescribed in the Act, intitled; *An Act for the Security of the Government of New-Jersey*, passed the nineteenth Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, when required,” be expunged—and the Words “ and submitted to the Government of this State,” inserted in their Place? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Drake,		

On Motion,

That the Declaration of High Treason in the said second Section be expunged ; Question put ; carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Drake,		

On Motion,

That the Declaration of High Treason be struck out of the third Section ; Question put ; carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffar,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Drake,		
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Kitchel,		

On the Question, Whether the third Section do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffar,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,		

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the 16th Section by inserting “ that all Damages done by any of the forfeiting Offenders, on due Proof thereof made, should be allowed in the same Manner as Debts : ”

On the Question, Whether the House agrees to the same ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Smack,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Chambers.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffar,	
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	

A Motion

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the sixteenth Section, by expunging that Part of the same which requires Creditors to apply at the Treasury, in order to receive their Demands, and inserting a Clause directing the Commissioners to pay the same ;

On the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Beam,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Slaffar,	
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed till to-morrow.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 8, 1778.

The House met.

A Message from Council by Mr. Deare.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 7, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to forwarding a Box of Linens to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for the Use of the *New-Jersey* Regiments ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned ;* after Debate,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the same be deferred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry incidental Charges ;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 8, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education* was read the third Time, and compared ;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Beam,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Shaffar,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Dunham,		Mr. Mac Collum.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Chambers,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Drake and Mr. Smock do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

On the Question, Whether the twenty-third Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Shaffar,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,		Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Drake,		

The House having gone through the said Bill, and several Amendments having been made thereto; on the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffar,	
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Drake and Mr. Smock do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

A Memorial from Colonel Frederick Frelinghuysen, of the first Regiment of Militia of the County of Somerset, praying the Payment of sundry Accounts for Monies advanced to Substitutes, and for a Number of Arms

Arms and other Articles purchased by him for the Use of the Militia, was presented and read ;

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Essex* County, praying that a Law may be enacted allowing all Persons who are conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath, may be excused as well as the *Quakers* from Swearing in any Case whatever, and permitted the Affirmation, was read the second Time ;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shaffar* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 9, 1778.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 8, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, to them entrusted, to the Vice-President of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Memorial of Colonel *Frederick Frelinghuysen*, was read the second Time, and referred to the Committee of Accounts.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time ;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Letter from *Joseph Cooper*, Esquire, chosen one of the Representatives in General Assembly for the County of *Gloucester*, together with the Certificate of his Election, was laid before the House by the Speaker and read, setting forth, that his private Affairs are in such a Situation, occasioned by the late Incursions of the Enemy into that County, that he cannot attend this House, and declining his Seat therein ;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do issue his Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Gloucester* for electing two new Members for the said County, in the Room of *Joseph Ellis* and *Joseph Cooper*, Esquires, who have declined taking their Seats in this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bowen* have Leave of Absence, on particular Business.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *J. Schenck* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that Mr. *J. Schenck* and himself delivered the Bill, with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for the State of New-Jersey, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read the second Time;

On the Question, Whether the said Bill is a Money-Bill, and therefore improper to be originated in Council? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCollum</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	

On the Question, Whether the Words “ and said Commissary of Prisoners shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to treat Prisoners of the Enemy under his Care in the same Manner, as near as Circumstances will admit, as the Enemy treat Prisoners of this State under their Power,” in the first Section, be expunged? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> .
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the said Bill have a third Reading.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 9, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Cooper* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising the Fines to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty*, hath passed this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, December 10, 1778.

The House met.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee of Accounts, reported, that the Committee had begun the Examination of the Accounts of *John Holme*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing, appointed by Law, in the County of *Salem*, but had not Time to go through the same, nor should they have Time during this Sitting; that it however appeared to them that Mr. *Holme* had entered into Engagements on Behalf of the State, to the Amount of a considerable Sum, which he had not publick Money in his Hands to discharge;

Resolved therefore,

That the said *John Holme*, Esquire, be, and he hereby is empowered to draw from the Treasury of this State the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, to enable him to discharge the Engagements he may have entered into on Behalf of the State, to be accounted for in the Settlement of his Accounts, and that his Receipt be a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Smock* carry this Resolution to Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Manufacture of Boulting-Cloths*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Swine from running at Large in Bridge-Town, in the County of Cumberland*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and after Debate, on the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee of Accounts, made the following Report:

THE Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as should be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, beg Leave to report—That pursuant to their Appointment, they have examined such Accounts as have been referred to them, for the Payment of which no Provision is made by Law, and delivered the same to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges; and have settled and adjusted such other Accounts, for the Payment whereof Provision is already made by Law, as follows, *viz.*

To *Benjamin Manning*, Esquire, for the Constables of the County of *Middlesex*, on Account of extraordinary Attendance at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at *New-Brunswick* in *August* last, recommended for Payment by the Court, and allowed by the Council of Safety, -

£. 65 10 0

To *Walter Hyer*, for two Guns impressed and lost in the Service, - - - - -

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To

To <i>Isaac Vantyle</i> , for one Gun lost in the Service,	£. 4 15 0
To <i>Samuel Campbell</i> , for one Gun lost in the Service,	5 10 0
To <i>Silas Condict</i> , Esquire, for the Constables of <i>Morris</i> County, for extraordinary Attendance at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at <i>Morrisfrown</i> in <i>September</i> last, recommended for Payment by the Court, and allowed by the Council of Safety,	48 15 0
To Captain <i>William Williamson</i> , for conducting the Recruits from Colonel <i>John Neilson</i> 's Battalion of <i>Middlesex</i> Militia to Camp, and Expence of fetching Powder for the Use of the said Militia,	6 15 0
To <i>Bowes Reed</i> , Esquire, for the Expence of removing the publick Records from <i>Hopewell</i> , in the County of <i>Hunterdon</i> , to <i>Burlington</i> , and also a Chest for the Council,	66 5 0
To <i>Jonathan Deare</i> , Esquire, for signing and numbering £. 90000 of the Loan-Office Money, and for signing 94910 Bills of said Money at 10s. per Thousand, and for Expences attending the same,	102 3 0
To <i>Jacob Dunn</i> , Agent with the <i>New-Jersey</i> Brigade to receive the Nine-Months Recruits, for Service and Rations from <i>May</i> first to <i>July</i> first, 1778,	86 5 0

By Order of Joint-Committee,

SILAS CONDUCT,
THOMAS FENIMORE.

A Message from Council by Mr. Jenkins.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 10, 1778.

THAT Mr. Jenkins do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service*, with the Amendments thereunto annexed, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Which Amendments were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from Council by Mr. Deare.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 10, 1778.

THAT Mr. Deare do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for this State, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Clark.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Dunham,		
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Chambers,		

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Smock* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed without Amendment.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 10, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Condict* carry the re-engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,* to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 10, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey,* is passed by this House without Amendment.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 10, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, of this Day, relative to empowering *John Holme*, Esquire, to draw on the Treasurer for *Five Thousand Pounds* ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend and explain an Act, intitled, An Act for taking Charge of and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon,* was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, December 11, 1778.

The House met.

Whereas several of the Commissioners, appointed in an Act, intitled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States,* have neglected to lay the Accounts of their Proceedings in the Execution of the Trust reposed in them before the Legislature, as they were in and by the said Act required ; and by their Failure herein have hitherto prevented the Legislature from discharging their Engagements to the Men raised, mustered and marched, agreeably to the Tenor and Directions of said Act, to the Injury of the Soldiers and great Hindrance of the publick Service : And whereas, the just and reasonable Demands of the said Soldiers ought to be satisfied ; therefore,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That *Isaac Woodruff*, Esquire, of *Elizabeth-Town*, be appointed and directed, on Behalf of this State, to pay the Arrears of Wages, Mileage and Subsistence due to the Recruits of the several Counties, from the Time of their Inlistment to the Time of their joining their respective Regiments, taking the particular Receipt of each Soldier therefor, as soon as the Accounts of the Commissioners of each County shall have been so far settled and adjusted by the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, that a State of the said Arrears may be ascertained and delivered to him; and that he be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury such Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding *Three Thousand Pounds*, as may be requisite for that End, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Payment thereof, and that he lay a fair and regular Account of his Proceedings, in this Respect, before the Legislature at their next Sitting, for their Allowance and Approbation; and that he receive such Compensation for his Services as may seem reasonable to the Legislature, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second Time;

On Motion for Amendment,

That as the Legislature have applied to Congress to make Provision for paying Losses sustained by the Militia of this State while in Service, since the passing of the Vote of the House to indemnify Major *John Dunn*, for the Loss of a Horse in the Service; and as many others are in the same Predicament, that the Clause of the Bill, providing for the Payment of Major *Dunn's* Demand, be struck out; Question put; carried in the Affirmative;

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; and, on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Woodruff* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Swine from running at Large in Bridge-Town, in the County of Cumberland*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was negatived, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> .	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .
Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .		

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Mr. *Houston*, from the Committee of publick Accounts appointed by Law, brought in a Report contained in eight Sheets of Paper, which was received and ordered to be put on the Files of this Sitting, for the further Perusal and Examination of the House.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Resolved,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 11, 1778.

THAT the Treasurer of this State procure and present to Captain *Nathaniel Fitz Randolph*, of *Woodbridge*, a genteel Sword, as a Mark and Testimony of the high Esteem the Legislature entertain of his Patriotism, Vigilance and Bravery during the present War with *Great-Britain*; and that the Treasurer be empowered to appropriate a Sum of the publick Money for that End.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence with this Resolution.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Sebring* reported, that Mr. *Woodruff* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Deare*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not then Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, sent re-engrossed from the Council, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Mr. *Ewing* reported, that Mr. *Brookfield* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Deare*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with Robbery, and other atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was read a second Time;

On the Question, Whether the same be referred to the next Sitting? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .		

A Message from Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 11, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for*

other Purposes therein mentioned, is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Resolution of Congress, recommending to the Governments of the States wherein the Army, or any Detachment or Part thereof now is, or hereafter shall be, to take such Measures in Aid of the Forage-Masters, for procuring sufficient Quantities of Forage, at reasonable Rates, as shall in their Opinion be effectual, was read and considered ;

Resolved,

That the Laws of the State make Provision for the Objects therein mentioned, as far as can at this Time be done.

The Speaker laid before the House a Bond, this Day given by *John Stevens*, jun. Esquire, Treasurer of the State, with Security in the Sum of £. 20,000, for the due Execution of his Office ; which Bond having been read, and taken into Consideration by the House ;

Resolved,

That the House do approve of the said Bond and Security.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Shreve* do carry the said Bond to the Council, for their Approbation.

On the Question,

Whether the House agrees to the Resolution of the Council, of this Day, relative to the presenting Captain *Nathaniel Fitz Randolph* with a Sword, for his distinguished Services ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Mac Cullough* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service*, was read, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council ; and the said Amendments being again read in their Places, on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the said Amendments ? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Ford* do carry back to the Council the said Bill, with their Amendments, and acquaint them that this House doth not agree to the said Amendments, but do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* have Leave of Absence for the Remainder of the Sitting.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, December 12, 1778.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry incidental Charges*, was read and compared; on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough and Mr. Manning do carry the said Bill to Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for the State of New-Jersey, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough and Mr. Manning do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Mac Cullough reported, that Mr. Manning and himself delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from Council by Mr. Deare.

Resolved,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THAT the Governor be authorized and empowered to direct the several Militia-Officers along the Sound, or on the Frontier-Parts of this State, that, upon Intelligence by them received of the Approach or Invasion of the Enemy, they remove to a Place of Safety Live-Stock, Provision and Carriages, on Notice first given to the Owners, and their neglecting or refusing to remove the same; and that the Expence accruing by such Removal to be paid by the Owner or Owners of such Live-Stock, Provisions and Carriages so removed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare wait on the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

The House having taken the said Resolution into Consideration,

Resolved,

That they do concur in the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ford and Mr. Smock do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THAT Mr. Tallman do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that this House, finding, by a Letter to the Governor from the Board of War, that Cloathing is provided for the *New-Jersey* Regiments at the Expence of the Continent, are of Opinion the Bill sent
by

by the Assembly to the Council for Concurrence, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised, or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, is unnecessary, and, all Circumstances considered, very improper at this Time—That the House are of Opinion that if a Resolution should be passed by both Houses, empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw Money to enable him to purchase Cloathing, agreeable to a former Law for that Purpose now in Force; this, with the Purchases to be made by the Commissioners already appointed in the several Counties, would fully answer the Purposes intended by the Bill sent up to this House, with much less Expence to the State.

The House having considered the said Message,
Resolved,

That *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, be empowered to draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding *Seven Thousand Pounds*, in order to enable him to proceed in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Use of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States; that his Receipt discharge the Treasurer to the Amount of the Sum drawn, and that the said *Enos Kelsey* be answerable for the same in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer pay to the several Persons herein named, the Sums allowed to them respectively, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on publick Accounts, *that is to say,*

To *Benjamin Manning*, Esquire, for the Use of the Constables of *Middlesex*, *Sixty-five Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *Walter Hyer*, *Nine Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *Roeloff Sebring*, Esquire, for the Use of *Isaac Vantyle*, *Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *Samuel Campbell*, *Five Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To the Honourable *Silas Condict*, Esquire, for the Use of the Constables of the County of *Morris*, *Forty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *Benjamin Manning*, Esquire, for the Use of Captain *William Williams*, *Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *Bowes Reed*, Esquire, *Sixty-six Pounds Five Shillings*.

To the Honourable *Jonathan Deare*, Esquire, *One Hundred and Two Pounds Three Shillings*.

To *Jacob Dunn*, Agent with the *New-Jersey* Brigade to receive the Nine-Months Recruits, *Eighty-six Pounds Five Shillings*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Ford* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself delivered the Messages with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

Whereas, by a Resolution of both Houses of the Legislature, of the 11th *December*, 1777, the Printer for the State was directed to furnish from Time to Time, six hundred Copies of the Laws passed at each Sitting, to be sold at prime Cost to such as might be desirous of purchasing them: And whereas the Mode of distributing the Laws prescribed by the

the said Resolution is found inconvenient, and ought to be discontinued ;

Resolved therefore,

That the said Resolution be repealed and made void.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Townsend* do wait on Council, and desire their Concurrence herein.

Mr. *Thompson* reported, that Mr. *Townsend* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Whereas there are in sundry of the Counties of this State unimproved and untenanted Tracts or Parcels of Lands, the Owners or Proprietors of which are Inhabitants of some of the other United States ;

Resolved,

That Notice be given in the *New-Jersey Gazette*, to the Owners or Proprietors of such Lands, that the same are by Law made subject to a Tax, in like Manner as other Lands of equal Quality, the Owners or Proprietors of which are Inhabitants of this State, in order that they may take proper Measures for having the Tax assessed on them discharged ; and that the several Printers of News-Papers throughout the United States be desired to publish this, for the Information of all concerned.

Whereas it is necessary to make further Provision for supplying the Militia of this State with Ammunition ;

Resolved,

That Lieutenant-Colonel *Benoni Hathaway*, of *Morris County*, be appointed and empowered to purchase one Ton of Powder for that Use, Half whereof he shall keep in his Care, the other Half to be by him forwarded to *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esquire, at *Princeton* ; and that the same be distributed to the several Regiments as His Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, shall direct.

That Lieutenant-Colonel *Hathaway* do also forward to the said *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esquire, a third Part of the Lead now in his Possession, to be distributed as aforesaid.

That Lieutenant-Colonel *Hathaway* be empowered to draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, to enable him to make the above Purchase, and to pay the necessary Expences attending the same, and also the Distribution thereof ; and that his Receipt be a Discharge to the Treasurer for the Sum so drawn.

And that the said Lieutenant-Colonel *Hathaway* be allowed such Compensation for his Service, in this Respect, as may be deemed reasonable by the Legislature in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Blanch* wait on the Council with the said Resolution, for Concurrence.

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed by Law to settle and adjust the publick Accounts, or any two of them, be authorized to employ some Person to Copy the Journals of the Council of Safety, and that they lay the same, with an Account of the Expence, before the Legislature, at their next Meeting, for their Inspection, that the said Journals may be ordered to be printed.

The Yeas and Nays being demanded on this Resolution, are as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,		Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled; An Act for taking Charge of and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? Carried in the Negative.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses, and other Necessaries for the Army, and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? Carried in the Negative.

The Honourable *John Hart*, Esquire, having been long detained from the House by Indisposition, and it being uncertain when he will be able to attend on publick Business; and whether it may not be necessary to call the Legislature before the Time to which they may be adjourned; the House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, in the Room of the said *John Hart*, Esquire, when *Caleb Camp*, Esquire, was duly elected and placed in the Chair.

The House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself delivered the Messages with them entrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the three several Resolutions brought from the House of Assembly to this House, by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock*, of this Day;

Resolved,

That this House concur in the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message of the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Townsend*, containing a Resolution to repeal the former Resolution of both Houses, respecting the Mode of distributing the Laws prescribed by the said Resolution;

Resolved,

Resolved,

That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry incidental Charges*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Members then withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, having returned, the Speaker took the Chair.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Messages from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Blanch*;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution contained in the one relative to empowering Colonel *Hathaway* to do several Acts, and disagree to the other. ✓

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Resolved,

That the Honourable *John Cooper*, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Committee of Accounts, constituted by Law; and that *Fifty* *Shillings* by the Day be added to the Wages of the Members of the said Committee.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Mac Collum* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Congleton* reported, that Mr. *Mac Collum* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the Appointment of the Honourable *John Cooper* to the Committee of Accounts;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Whereas it frequently happens that Officers and Privates of the Militia of this State, employed on Detachments and Enterprizes where there is no regular and appointed Means of Relief, are subjected by accidental Hurts or Wounds to much Expence, which it is unreasonable that they, as Individuals, should sustain;

Resolved,

That the Pay-Master of the Militia of the County to which any such Officer or Private may belong, upon proper Proof to him made by Certificate

tificate under the Hand of the Officer commanding any Detachment, Party, or Guard, or two or more credible Persons who were present or knowing to any such Hurt or Wound, shall pay to the Party, and also to others who may have furnished him with Necessaries, the reasonable Expences incurred, and charged in an Account or Accounts authenticated by the Oath or Affirmation of the respective Claimants.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Schenck* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* wait on the Council with this Resolution, for Concurrence.

Mr. *J. Schenck* reported, that Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Jenkins*.

Council-Chamber, Dec. 12, 1778.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *J. Schenck* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, of this Day, relative to giving Relief to Persons hurt or wounded on Detachments of the Militia;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House then adjourned, to meet at *Trenton* on *Wednesday* the nineteenth Day of *May*, 1779.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY of the STATE of *New-Jersey*, I do hereby appoint *Isaac Collins* to print these Votes.

CALEB CAMP, *Speaker*.

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N E W - J E R S E Y,

At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 27th Day of *October*,
1778, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE SECOND SITTING OF THEIR THIRD SESSION.

T R E N T O N:

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<i>Bergen,</i>	The Honourable	Robert Morris,	} Esquires.
<i>Essex,</i>		Abraham Clark,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Jonathan Deare,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Joseph Holmes,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Abraham Van Neste,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		Peter Tallman,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		John Cooper,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Andrew Sinnickson,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Jouathan Jenkins,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		John Stevens, <i>Vice-President,</i>	
<i>Morris,</i>		Silas Condict,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Ephraim Harris,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Robert Ogden,	

MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>	{	Jooft Beam,	} Esquires.
	{	Peter Wilfon,	
	{	Thomas Blanch,	
<i>Essex,</i>	{	Caleb Camp, <i>Speaker</i>	} Esquires.
	{	Jacob Brookfield,	
	{	Isaac Woodruff,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>	{	Benjamin Manning,	} Esquires.
	{	Jacob Schenck,	
	{	Ebenezer Ford,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>	{	James Mott, jun.	} Esquires.
	{	Peter Schenck,	
	{	Hendrick Smock,	
<i>Somerset,</i>	{	Roeloff Sebring,	} Esquires.
	{	David Kirkpatrick,	
	{	William C. Houlston,	
<i>Burlington,</i>	{	Thomas Fenimore,	} Esquires.
	{	Caleb Shreve,	
	{	Josiah Foster,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>	{	Elijah Clark,	} Esquires.
	{	Bodo Otto, jun.	
	{	Samuel Hugg,	
<i>Salem,</i>	{	Allen Congleton, jun.	} Esquires.
	{	Whitten Cripps,	
	{	John Mayhew,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>	{	Jeremiah Eldredge,	} Esquires.
	{	John Hand,	
	{	Richard Townsend,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	{	John Hart, A. S. S.	} Esquires.
	{	Nehemiah Dunham,	
	{	David Chambers,	
<i>Morris,</i>	{	Jacob Drake,	} Esquires.
	{	Abraham Kitchel,	
	{	David Thomson,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	{	John Buck,	} Esquires.
	{	Jonathan Bowen,	
	{	James Ewing,	
<i>Suffex,</i>	{	Caspar Shaffer,	} Esquires.
	{	Jacob Mac Collum,	
	{	Benjamin Mac Cullough,	



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TRENTON, Tuesday, April 20, 1779.

PURSUANT to a special Summons of the Honourable the Speaker, fundry Members met; and, not being a Quorum to proceed on Business, adjourned till to-morrow Morning, ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, April 21, 1779.

The Members in Town met pursuant to Adjournment, and, not being a Quorum, adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Clerk of the House being absent,

Resolved,

That Mr. *Houfson* be requested to officiate as Clerk for the Time.

Bodo Otto, the Younger, and *Samuel Hugg*, Esquires, returned Representatives of the County of *Gloucester*, appeared in the House and produced the Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

John Mayhew, Esquire, returned a Representative of the County of *Salem*, appeared in the House and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Mott* wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Members of Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.

Mr. *Kitchel* reported, that Mr. *Mott* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Condict*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Speaker laid before the House certain Resolutions of Congress, of the 9th Ultimo, containing a Requisition to the different States to complete their several Quotas of Troops in the Service of the United States; which were read; whereupon,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Woodruff*, Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Smock*, and such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in Conference on the Subject of the said Resolutions; as also the further Provision necessary to be made for the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States; and that they report to the House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Conference; that Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Hugg* wait upon the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting; and that they lay before the Council the said Resolutions.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and to report such Business as remains unfinished and referred to this Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Nefse*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, April 21, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Van Nefse* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have made a Board, and are ready to proceed to Business.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, April 22, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Hugg* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Tallman*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, April 22, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Tallman*, Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Harris*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in Conference on the Matter contained in their Message of this Day by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Hugg*, and that they report to the House; that the Vice-President be requested to assist at the said Conference; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Britton*, at three o'Clock this Afternoon; and that Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A Petition from *Daniel Baldwin*, of the County of *Morris*, late a Captain in the first *New-Jersey* Regiment, was presented to the House
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and read, setting forth, that in the Battle of *Germantown*, on the 4th of *October*, 1777, he had received a Wound; in Consequence of which he had been disabled and rendered unfit for Service, and praying, in Consideration of the present advanced Prices of the Necessaries of Life, a temporary special Relief in Addition to the Half-Pay allowed by Congress in such Cases;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Thomas Combs* of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and late commanding a Company of Rangers in the said County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Month of *April*, 1777, in capturing a Picquet Guard of the Enemy at *Bonhamton* he had received a Wound, in Consequence of which he is disabled, and praying Relief from the Legislature;

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders, Proprietors of certain Meadows lying within *Holmes's Bank*, in the Township of *Hopewell*, and County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may pass to oblige the Owners of the said Meadows to support, by Tax, a Road leading from them, for the Convenience of conveying Hay therefrom;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference, appointed on *Wednesday* last, have Leave to withdraw; and thereupon the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 23, 1779.

The House met.

Josiah Foster, Esquire, returned a Representative of the County of *Burlington*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference, appointed on *Wednesday* last, have Leave to withdraw; and thereupon the House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Two Petitions, one from sundry Owners of a certain Tract of Meadows lying in the Township of *Newark* and County of *Essex*, and the other from sundry other Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said Township of *Newark*, were presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed enabling the Owners of said Meadows to erect and maintain a Dam and Works sufficient to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same;

Ordered,

That the Owners, Petitioners, have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably

ably to the Prayer of their Petition, upon advertizing such their Intention two Weeks successively in each of the publick Newt-papers of this State; and provided they serve such Proprietors of said Meadows not signing the Petition, if any be, who may be interested in, or affected by, the Works proposed to be erected, with a Copy of this Order at least two Weeks previous to offering the said Bill.

A Petition from *John Vankirk*, of *Shrewsbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*, was presented to the House and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, a Compensation for his Services in detecting and bringing to Justice certain Robbers and Freebooters in said County;

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, April 24, 1779.

The House met.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with sundry Resolutions of Congress; an Act of the State of *New-Hampshire* to prevent such as have joined the Enemy, returning or coming into that State; certain Proceedings of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of *Pennsylvania*, communicated by His Excellency the President, and several other Papers; were read;

Ordered,

That the said Message and Papers be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee of Conference appointed on *Wednesday* last, reported the Resolutions of the Conferees, as follows:

1. *Resolved,*

THAT a Law be enacted for compleating, by voluntary Enlistment during the present War, the Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States.

2. *Resolved,*

That Provision be made by Law for the better and more adequate Subsistence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, by furnishing to them Rum or Spirits, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Hardsoap and Tobacco, in Quantities, and at Prices as nearly as may be similar to those allowed and affixed by other States: And that all such Cloathing as may be necessary for the Non-commission Officers and Privates, in Addition to the Allowance drawn from the publick Stores, be furnished to them at low and reasonable Prices, in like Manner as Congress have recommended that the Officers be supplied.

3. *Resolved,*

That such Law operate until Congress adopt a general Plan by which all the Forces of the United States may be put upon an equal Footing; and that Application be immediately made to Congress, urging the Propriety and Expediency of forming such Plan in which the Whole may be comprehended, and the Danger of partial Distinctions removed.

The House having considered the said Report,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same is approved.

An Address, Representation and Petition from *Isaac Vanderbeeck*, *Jacob Terhune* and *Adam Boyd*, Esquires, *Jacob Zabriskie*, *Isaac Van Giesen*,
and

and one hundred and twenty-five others, Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the lower Part of the County of *Bergen*, was presented and read, praying, for divers Reasons therein set forth, that proper Measures may be adopted for the Defence of the said County, and the Protection of it's Inhabitants from the Incursions and Depredations of the Enemy.

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hugg*, and that they examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Petition from *William Dow*, of the County of *Essex*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he had purchased Materials for building from the Commissioners for selling forfeited Estates, which had been burnt by the continental Troops, and praying that the Commissioners may be prevented from prosecuting for the Payment of the said Materials, until he shall have received Compensation for the Losses he has sustained.

Ordered,

That as the same doth not properly come before this House, the Petitioner apply with his Vouchers to the Quartermaster's Department, where his Losses may be properly ascertained and paid.

A Petition from *Henry Guest*, of *New-Brunswick*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he hath discovered a Method of manufacturing Blubber from Ingredients not heretofore used for that Purpose, and equally useful in Dressing of Leather as any other; and praying that the Legislature will grant him a Patent and exclusive Right of manufacturing the same for the Term of five Years;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be committed to Mr. *J. Schenck*, Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Sebring*; that they examine the Matter thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge* and *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that their Fences and Enclosures being destroyed in the Course of the War, many Persons from the interior Parts of the Country turn out their Cattle to range upon their Grounds, and praying that a Law may be enacted to remedy the said Grievance;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, upon advertising such their Intention in Mr. *Collins's New-Jersey Gazette* two Weeks successively, previous to offering the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Woodruff*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill upon the second Article of the Report of the Committee of Conference, agreed to in the House this Forenoon.

Three Petitions from upwards of two hundred Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, were presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that large Taxes may be laid for the Purpose of diminishing the Quantity, and restoring the Value of the con-

tinental Currency; and also that a Mode may be adopted for calling in the State Currency;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes, and to report such Business as remains unfinished, and referred to this Sitting, made the following Report:

1st. A Memorial of *John Gill*, one of the Commissioners of the Loan for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth his having been robbed by the Enemy of *Two Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds, Five Shillings*, of the Money belonging to the said Office, and praying Allowance for the same, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

2d. A Petition from Captain *Joshua Huddy*, of the County of *Mor-mouth*, praying Pay for the Use of two of his Horses taken into the Artillery Service, was referred to Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Ford*, with an Order to examine the Matter thereof, and report the same with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

3d. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to extend the Power of Justices of the Peace in committing and removing Prisoners*, was committed to Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Eldredge*.

4th. A Petition of *John Ogden*, junior, of the County of *Essex*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Brookfield*, with an Order to enquire into the Facts therein set forth, and report to the House at the present Sitting.

5th. A Petition from sundry Officers of the different Troops of Militia Light-Dragoons in the State, praying that they may be regimented and put under the Command of proper Field-Officers, stands referred to the present Sitting.

6th. A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, praying that a Law may be enacted, whereby all such as are conscientiously scrupulous of swearing in any Case, may be allowed the Affirmation as well as the People called *Quakers*, stands referred to the present Sitting.

7th. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Manufacture of Boulting Cloths*, was referred to this Sitting.

8th. The Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with Robbery and other atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was referred to the present Sitting.

JAMES MOTT, junior,
DAVID THOMPSON.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning*, nine o'Clock.

Monday, April 26, 1779.

The House met.

Joseph Bloomfield, Esquire, Clerk of the House, applying by a verbal Message, through one of the Members, for Leave to resign his Office,

Resolved,

That according to the usual Mode of Proceeding, such verbal Message cannot be received.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker write to Mr. *Bloomfield*, to attend the House.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed on *Saturday* last to consider
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and report upon the Petition of sundry Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the lower Part of the County of *Bergen*, reported as follows :

That the Committee had examined the Matter of the Petition, and are of Opinion, that His Excellency the Governor and the Privy Council be requested immediately to call forth, and station by monthly Reliefs, one Class of the Militia of the County of *Morris*, and one Class of each of the two lower Regiments of the County of *Suffex*, provided these latter can be spared from the Defence of the Frontier on that Quarter, to be joined by the two Classes of the Militia of the County of *Bergen* already on Duty, in such Manner as may be most effectual for the Security of that County from the Inroads of the Enemy.

The House having considered the said Report,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same is agreed to.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of this Resolution.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that he had delivered the Resolution with him intrusted, to His Excellency the Governor.

Two Messages from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, were read ; one explaining the Necessity of further Regulations relative to the Militia, and the other accompanied by a Letter from the Honourable *John Fell*, Esq. one of the Delegates representing this State in Congress, relative to the Attendance of the said Delegates.

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Peter Appleman*, of the Township of *Oxford*, in the County of *Suffex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had been fined by a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in said County, for going into the Enemy's Lines; and that in Virtue of an Inquisition found against him, and a Judgment of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, the Commissioners of forfeited Estates had sold his Estate, and praying that the same may be restored.

Ordered,

That the said Petition lie on the Table.

A Memorial and Remonstrance of sundry Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, left out as supernumerary in a late Arrangement of the said Brigade, was presented and read, setting forth, that they have been illegally deprived, while new Officers have been made, and praying Redress of such Grievance.

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition of *David Campbell*, of the Township of *Harrington*, in the County of *Bergen*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had been wounded while on Militia Duty, and by that Means put to great Expence, and had moreover lost a Gun in the Service, for which, being borrowed, he had been obliged to pay, and praying Relief.

Resolved,

That the Resolution of both Houses of *December 12, 1778*, provides for Part of the Prayer of said Petition.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Petitioner produce to this House his Vouchers respecting the Loss of the said Gun, without which no Reimbursement can be allowed.

A Petition from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the Western Part of the Township of *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that they have for many Years been regularly formed into a distinct religious Society for publick Worship; that they hold Lands, and have erected a Church and Parsonage-House, and praying that they may be incorporated by a Law for the more secure and regular Management of the Interests of the said Society.

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, April 26, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Condict*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in Conference, to take into Consideration the present State of *New-Jersey*, and the proper Means of defending the Frontiers, and that they report to this House; that the Vice-President be requested to assist at the said Conference; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Britton*, at eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning; that Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

The House having considered the said Message,

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Schenck*, Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Buck*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council upon the Subject of the said Message, at the Time and Place therein appointed, and that they report to the House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Conference; and that Mr. *Eldredge* and Mr. *Mac Cullough* wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, April 27, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Eldredge* reported, that Mr. *Mac Cullough* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Memorial and Remonstrance of sundry Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, left out in the late Arrangement, was read the second Time, and referred to the Committee of Conference appointed Yesterday.

A Representation and Remonstrance of the Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, was presented and read, setting forth sundry Grievances with Respect to their Pay, Subsistence and Cloathing, and praying Redress.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee of Conference appointed Yesterday.

Ordered,

That the said Committee of Conference have Leave to withdraw; and then the House adjourned till three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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The House met.

Resolved,

That Colonel *Joseph Phillips* be appointed to attend the House as Clerk for the Time, until a Clerk be elected.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference appointed Yesterday, have Leave to withdraw; and then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning, eight of the Clock.

Wednesday, April 28, 1779.

The House met.

A Memorial of *David Brearley*, junior, Esquire, was presented and read, setting forth, that he hath a Claim to certain Lands lately advertised for Sale by the Commissioners of the County of *Hunterdon*, for selling the Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, as the Property of *Daniel Coxe*; and further setting forth, that the Memorialist is ready and desirous to submit this Matter to some able and judicious Men, who may be authorised to hear and finally determine the same.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference appointed on *Monday* last, have Leave to withdraw; and then the House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference appointed on *Monday* last, have Leave to withdraw; and then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Thursday, April 29, 1779.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* have Leave of Absence for a few Days on special Business.

A Memorial from the Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, setting forth sundry Difficulties in the Discharge of their Duty, in disposing of said Estates, and praying the Direction and Interposition of the Legislature.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Houflon*, from the Committee appointed on *Monday* last, to join a Committee of the Council in Conference, reported the Resolutions of the Conferees as follow:

1. *Resolved,*

THAT for the particular Defence of the State, during the ensuing Campaign, One Thousand of the Militia be embodied, to continue in the Service until the first Day of *December* next.

To which the House unanimously agreed.

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2. That the Conferees having considered a Representation and Remonstrance addressed to the Legislature by the Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, setting forth sundry Grievances relative to their Pay, Subsistence and Cloathing ;

Resolved,

That Provision hath already been agreed to be made, as far as is consistent, previous to an Application to Congress ; and that if upon such Application, no Measures are by them adopted in that Behalf, it will then be the Duty of this State to provide for their Quota of Troops in the best Manner they can devise.

To which the House unanimously agreed.

3. That a Letter from Brigadier *Maxwell*, of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, upon the same Subject, having been laid before them ;

Resolved,

That the said Letter contains indecent and undeserved Reflections upon the Representatives of this State ; and that the same be transmitted to Congress, with a proper Expression of the Disapprobation and Displeasure of the Legislature.

The Question being demanded and put, Whether the same is agreed to ? It passed in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCollum</i> .	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,		Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCullough</i> .

4. That the Conferees having considered a Memorial and Remonstrance of sundry Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, setting forth, that they have been left out as supernumerary, in a late Arrangement of the said Brigade, while new Officers have been made, and put in their Places ;

Resolved,

That a Remonstrance be made to Congress upon the Practice of appointing Officers without the Participation of the Authority of the State.

To which the House unanimously agreed.

Mr. *Houston* also informed the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered,

That the Committee have Leave accordingly.

A Petition of *Jonathan Furman*, *William Dudbridge* and *Joshua Mott*, Fullers, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that they may be exempted from Militia Duty.

On the Question, Whether the Prayer of the said Petition be granted ? It was carried in the Negative.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday,

Friday, April 30, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *James Parker*, Esq. purporting, that he has paid to the Treasurer the Amount of a certain Bond given by himself and *Stephen Skinner* to *John Smyth*, Esquire, late Treasurer of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*, conditioned for the Payment of *Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Ten-pence*, and desiring that the same may be given up and cancelled; and the Treasurer having laid the said Bond before the House for their Direction,

Resolved,

That the Interest of *Five per Cent. per Annum*, paid on the said Bond, not being legal Interest, the same ought not to be given up until such be fully paid.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Shreve* wait upon the Council with this Resolution, for Concurrence.

Whereas *William Livingston*, Esquire, Governor of the State, the Honourable *John Cooper*, *Andrew Simmickson*, *Joseph Holmes*, *Robert Morris*, *Peter Tallman*, *Abraham Van Neste*, and *Silas Condict*, and *William-Churchill Houston*, Esqrs. on the 15th Day of *January* last, and during the Recess of the Legislature, did, in Consequence of a Representation of the peculiar and urgent Necessities of the Officers of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, request the Treasurer to pay into the Hands of *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Commissioner for purchasing Cloathing for the Use of the said Troops, any Sum not exceeding *Seven Thousand Pounds*, to be applied in procuring Cloathing for the said Officers, agreeable to the Resolution of Congress, in such Case made, obligating themselves to replace the same in the Treasury; provided the Legislature, at their then next Sitting, should not make Provision therefor, by ordering the Treasurer credited in his Accounts, to the Amount of the Sum paid: And whereas the Treasurer, in Consequence of the said Request and Engagement, hath paid to the said *Enos Kelsey*, *Seven Thousand Pounds*;

Resolved,

That this House doth agree, that the said Sum of *Seven Thousand Pounds* be assumed and acknowledged as a Debt of the State, and that the Treasurer have Credit therefor, in the Settlement of his Accounts, upon producing the Receipt of the said *Enos Kelsey*.

Resolved,

That the said *Enos Kelsey* be accountable for the Disbursement of the said Monies, to the Purpose above expressed.

And whereas, in and by the above-mentioned Resolution of Congress, passed in the Month of *December*, 1777, it was recommended to the several States to furnish the Officers of their respective Quotas of Troops in the Service of the United States, with certain Cloathing, at the Prices current when the Army was established in the Year 1776; the Surplus to be charged to the United States: And whereas, the Officers of this State have not as yet received a Supply of Cloathing, equal to the Intention of the said Resolution;

Resolved,

That *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Commissioner for Cloathing for the Troops
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of this State, be, and he is hereby empowered to draw from the Treasury, the Sum of *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds*, in Addition to the *Seven Thousand* above-mentioned, for the Purpose of furnishing to each Officer, who, at the Time when the late Arrangement of the Brigade of this State was made, did belong, and, for one Year previous thereto, had belonged to the said Brigade, Cloathing to the Amount of *Two Hundred Pounds*, as the Prices now are, upon their paying the Sum the said Cloathing would have cost in the Year 1776; and that the said *Enos Kelsey* be accountable for the Disbursement of the aforesaid Sum.

And whereas some of the Officers have already received certain Articles of Cloathing purchased by *John Holme*, Esquire, of the County of *Salem*, and *Joseph Hugg*, Esquire, of the County of *Gloucester*, at their Request; for which the reduced Prices have not been paid to the State, agreeably to the said Resolution;

Resolved,

That the same, as nearly as they can be ascertained, be taken into the above Supply, as Part of the Quantity to be furnished, according to the Prices at which they were purchased; and that the said *Enos Kelsey* pay to the said *Joseph Hugg* his Account, amounting to *One Thousand One Hundred and Three Pounds*, with Interest for the same, from the first Day of *December* last.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Bowen* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A Petition from *John Brown* and *Benjamin-Alston Brown* was presented and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners' Father did, in his Life-time, make and execute an Instrument of Writing, purporting to be his Last Will and Testament, in which are Devises of certain Lands and Tenements to the Petitioners; which Instrument of Writing, although made by the Testator in perfect Health, and executed in the Presence of several Persons, hath only two subscribing Witnesses, whereby the said Instrument is void in Law, as to the Lands therein devised; and praying Relief in the Premises, by a Law to confirm the said Will:

Whereupon,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill after the Expiration of twelve Days from this Date; they serving the Heir at Law and his Guardian, with a Copy of this Order at least eight Days before that Time.

Resolved,

That the House will this Afternoon resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to take into Consideration the State of the Commonwealth, and the further Taxes necessary to be raised for the current Year.

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, according to the Order of the twenty-fourth of *April* last, were read the second Time, and referred to the said Committee.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *Shreve* and himself delivered the Message with them intrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Townsend*

Mr. *Townsend* reported, that Mr. *Bowen* and himself delivered the Message with them intrusted, to Mr. *Harris*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

A Petition from *John Gill* and *Joseph Hugg*, two of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Gloucester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in receiving the Interest due to the said Office, they took *Two Hundred and Forty Dollars*, which prove to be counterfeit; and that they cannot find out the Persons who were guilty of the Imposition; praying for a Law to indemnify them from any Loss thereby.

On the Question, Whether the Prayer of said Petition be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

Whereas several of the Collectors, and other Officers of the Government, have in their Hands Bills of Credit of the Emissions of the 20th of *May*, 1777, and the 11th of *April*, 1778, lately called out of Circulation by Congress, which they have received for Debts or Taxes due to the State, and the same may be refused at the Treasury;

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to receive from the Collectors, and other Officers of Government, all Bills of the said Emissions, which said Officers may pay into the Treasury on or before the 20th Day of *May* next; provided each Person paying the same, shall, upon his Oath or Affirmation, declare, that such Bills of Credit were by him received in Payment for Debts or Taxes due to the State, and that no Part thereof was by him received in Exchange for Bills of Credit now in Circulation; which Oath or Affirmation the said Treasurer is authorized to administer; and that all Bills of Credit of the said two Emissions called out of Circulation, which may remain in the Hands of Collectors or other publick Officers, after the said 20th Day of *May* ensuing, shall either be exchanged, or the Loss occasioned by Neglect thereof, sustained by the said Persons who received the same; and the Treasurer is authorized and required to exchange, at the Continental Loan-Office in this State, all Bills which he may have in the Treasury, or which he may receive of the said two Emissions, as above directed; and that the Legislature will provide for the Payment of such Expences, as shall be incurred by the Treasurer in exchanging such Bills.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Otto* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

Mr. *P. Schenck* reported, that Mr. *Otto* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Harris*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Jenkins*.

Council-Chamber, April 30, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration two Messages from the House of Assembly of this Day; one relative to authorizing the Treasurer to receive Bills of Credit of the Emissions lately called out of Circulation by Congress, &c. and the other relative to a Bond given by *James Parker*, Esquire, and *Stephen Skinner*, to *John Smyth*, late Treasurer of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

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Ordered,

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That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Otto*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Dunham*, be a Committee to consider and report such further Regulations, respecting the Subsistence of the Militia when called into Service, as may be necessary to be adopted in the present Situation of Affairs.

The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into Consideration the State of the Commonwealth, and the further Taxes necessary to be levied for the current Year; and after some Time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

Ordered,

That the Committee have Leave accordingly.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, May 1, 1779.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Mac Collum* and Mr. *Beam*, have Leave of Absence till *Monday*.

A Petition from a large Number of Inhabitants of the Townships of *Woodbridge* and *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that Taxes to the Amount of *Seven Hundred Thousand Pounds*, exclusive of the *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* already raised, may be levied for the present Year; that the Provision requested by the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, may be granted them; and that further Measures may be adopted to prevent clandestine Trade with the Enemy.

Ordered,

That so much of the said Petition as relates to the levying a Tax, referred to a Committee of the Whole; and that so much thereof as relates to the Prevention of clandestine Intercourse with the Enemy, have a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

✓ A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, in Favour of *Samuel Lindsley*, wounded in an Action with the Enemy on the 12th of *September*, 1777, was presented and read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on publick Accounts.

✓ A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *William Matthews*, a private Soldier in Colonel *Philip Van Cortlandt's* Regiment, was wounded and disabled in Action with the Enemy on the thirteenth of *September*, 1777; and praying that the Legislature will afford him Relief;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee of publick Accounts.

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Joseph Bloomfield, Esquire, Clerk of the House, appeared in Consequence of the Order of the House of last *Monday*; and having signified his Reasons for not attending, and withal desiring Leave to resign his Office as Clerk of the House;

Resolved,

That his Reasons for Non-attendance are satisfactory, and that his Resignation be accepted.

Whereas it appears upon Examination of the Magazines of Ammunition in this State, that a considerable Quantity is yet wanting to furnish the Militia;

Resolved,

That *John Denton*, of *Princeton*, be authorized and directed immediately to purchase two Tons of Powder with Lead, Flints and Cartridge-Paper in Proportion, for the Use of the State; and that he deliver one Ton of the Powder with Lead, Flints and Cartridge-Paper in Proportion, to *Zachariah Rossell* at *Mountholly*, for the Use of the Counties of *Burlington*, *Gloucester*, *Salem*, *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*: Half a Ton of Powder with Lead, Flints and Cartridge-Paper in Proportion, to *Elias Woodruff* at *Princeton*, for the Use of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Somerset*, *Middlesex* and *Monmouth*; and the Remainder to Lieutenant-Colonel *Benoni Hatherway* at *Morrisstown*, for the Use of the Counties of *Morris*, *Suffex*, *Essex* and *Bergen*, who are hereby empowered to receive the said Ammunition, and directed to employ proper Persons to make the same into sizeable Cartridges; and to keep the said Cartridges, when made, in proper Boxes, numbered according to the Size of the Cartridges, in some convenient and safe Place, for the Use of the Militia; to be delivered out to the Colonels or commanding Officers of the several Battalions, or their Orders, on Request, to be by them delivered out to the Captains or commanding Officers of the several Companies, who shall stand answerable for the same: Returns of which Ammunition shall be made every six Months, in the same Manner, and under the same Penalties as the Returns are directed to be made by the tenth Section of the Act for the Regulating, Training and Arraying of the Militia, passed April 14, 1778.

Resolved,

That the said *John Denton* be authorized to draw from the Treasury, any Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Thousand Pounds*, to pay for the above Articles; and that he be accountable to the Legislature for the same, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the said Sum.

Resolved,

That this House will make Provision for paying the said *John Denton*, for his Time and Expence in purchasing and conveying the same to the Places above directed, and for paying the Persons above appointed to receive the said Ammunition, for their Trouble in taking Charge of, making into Cartridges, and delivering out the same.

Resolved,

That when it shall be necessary for any Battalion to draw Ammunition out of the said Magazines, the Colonel or commanding Officer of the said Battalion shall agree with some suitable Person to bring the same; a Certificate of which Agreement, signed by the Colonel or commanding Officer, shall entitle the Person performing such Service, to draw the Money so agreed for, from the Paymaster to the Militia of his District.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esquire, be directed to deliver the Ammunition, in his Care, to the aforesaid *Elias Woodruff*, taking his Receipt for the Quantity of Ammunition so to be delivered.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Hugg* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with these Resolutions.

Mr. *Ewing* reported, that Mr. *Hugg* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Otto*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, agreeably to the Reports of the Committees of Conference appointed on the twenty-second and twenty-sixth of *April* last; and that they report to the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster* wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed to consider and report such further Regulations respecting the Subsistence of the Militia when called into Service, as may be necessary to be adopted in the present Situation of Affairs, reported as follows:

THAT for the present till a Law be enacted to make further Provision for the Militia, each Officer, non-commission Officer and Private, when the Whole or any Part of the Militia are called into Service, receive as an Equivalent to the additional Allowance lately agreed to be made to the continental Troops, the Sum of *Five Shillings*, by the Day, over and above their Pay, Bounty, Rations and Mileage, during the Time they shall continue in actual Service; and that the Paymasters of the Militia be instructed to make Payment accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that Mr. *Foster* and himself had delivered the Messages with them entrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned to two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Council-Chamber, May 1, 1779.

THE Council having taken in Consideration a Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasury a Sum of Money for purchasing Cloathing for the Troops of this State, &c. and also a Message of this Day, relative to the authorizing *John Denton*, to purchase two Tons of Powder, &c.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A Petition

A Petition from *Rachel Frazee*, Wife of *James Frazee*, of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, in the County of *Essex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that her Husband has gone over and joined the Enemy, and left her and Family destitute; and praying, that she and her Children may be permitted to go to *New-York*, to her said Husband, and to carry with her such Effects as she hath acquired since his Departure.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, May 1, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message of this Morning from the House of Assembly, relative to making further Provision for the Militia;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Clarke* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose mentioned in their Message of this Morning, by Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster*; and that they make Report to this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning next, ten o'Clock.

Monday, May 3, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of said County have been guilty of Partiality in the Execution of the Trust in them reposed, by leasing several Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders to particular Persons in a private and improper Way, and also of other Misconduct; and praying a Mode may be prescribed to oblige the said Commissioners to discharge their Duty for the Future in a due, open and upright Manner.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shaffer*, Mr. *Mac Collum* and Mr. *Mac Cullough*, do particularly enquire into the Complaints made against the said Commissioners; and make Report thereof to this House at their next Sitting.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, upon the State of the Commonwealth, and the further Taxes necessary to be raised for the current Year; and after some Time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Manning* from the Committee reported, that the Committee had come to two Resolutions, which he was ready to report when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Manning* reported the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows :

1. *Resolved*,

THAT the Sum of *One Million of Pounds*, including *One Hundred and One Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, required for the Year 1778, by the Resolution of Congress of the twenty-second Day of *November*, 1777, and *Three Hundred Thousand Pounds* required for the Year 1779, by the Resolution of Congress of the fifth Day of *January* last, be levied by Tax in this State, and paid into the Treasury on or before the first Day of *December* next.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees to the said Resolution? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	who voted for	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	£ 800,000.	who voted for
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	£ 600,000.
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .	Mr. <i>Eldredge</i> ,	

2. *Resolved*,

That all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted by this State, while the same remained a Colony, and subject to the Crown of *Great-Britain*, and now in Currency, be called out of Circulation by the first Day of *January* next, in the Payment of Taxes, or to be exchanged for Bills of Credit emitted by the Congress of the United States.

To which the House unanimously agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Brookfield*, Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Otto*, Mr. *Mayhew*, Mr. *Townsend*, Mr. *Dunham*, Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Mac Collum*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for levying a Tax, agreeably to the first Resolution of the above Report.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Eldredge*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for calling in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, agreeably to the second Resolution of the above Report.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, May 4, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Brookfield*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from *John Ogden*, junior, respecting certain Lands, late the Property of his Father, and sold by the High Sheriff of the County of *Essex*, reported :

THAT from the best Information the Committee have been able to obtain, the Lands, for which the Petitioner prays a Title, were sold by the High Sheriff of the County of *Essex*, by Virtue of a Writ of *Fieri facias*, on a Judgment obtained by *Stephen Skinner*, Esquire, late one of the Treasurers of *New-Jersey*, against *John Ogden*, Esquire, of
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the said County of *Effex*, for a Debt due to the Province; and that the Sheriff, who sold the Premises, is yet living in said County:

Whereupon,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of the House, that in such Case the Purchase-Money, with legal Interest, ought to be paid to the then Sheriff of the County of *Effex*, to be by him paid into the Treasury; and that the said Sheriff ought thereupon to make the said *John Ogden*, junior, a Title for the Lands.

A Petition from a large Number of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that a certain Mill-Dam, near *Brunswick* Landing, which was erected in the Year 1753, upon Condition that the said Dam should be opened every Spring in the Time of Shad-Fishing, and continue to for a certain limited Time, hath been forceably broken down in another Place by a Number of Persons living on and near the *Raritan*; although a large Breach in the Dam, made last Winter by the Ice, was deemed sufficient for the Passage of the Fish, to the great Damage of the Owners of said Dam; and praying Relief by a Law to establish the same;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition of *John Van Anglen*, in Behalf of himself and *Daniel Baldwin*, late Captains in the *New-Jersey* Brigade, accompanied with a Recommendation of sundry Officers of said Brigade, was presented and read, praying, that they may be appointed Storekeepers and Issuers of the Articles agreed to be furnished to said Brigade, by the State;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for supplying the Troops of the State with certain Articles, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Conference of the twenty-fourth of *April* last.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford*, Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Hugg*, be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired since the last Sitting, or are near expiring; and to make Report to the House.

The House adjourned to five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met,

And adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, May 5, 1779.

The House met.

A Memorial from *William Shute*, *Joseph Dickinson* and *William Thompson*, of the County of *Salem*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *William Miller*, *Robert Johnson* and *Thomas Norris*, Esquires, Magistrates of the said County, have acted in divers Respects inconsistently with the Duties of their Office; and praying, that the House will enquire into Facts, and take such Measures in that Behalf, as may be agreeable to Justice and the Constitution;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from Colonel *Joseph Beavers*, of the County of *Hunterdon*,
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was presented and read, setting forth, that he hath performed sundry Services, for which he hath received no Compensation; and desiring an Allowance may be made him, adequate to his Trouble and Expence;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

It being represented to the House, that Arrears of Pay are still due to the Militia in some of the Counties; and that the Sums drawn by several of the Paymasters, in Virtue of the Resolution of the twentieth Day of *June* last, are not sufficient to discharge the Whole;

Resolved,

That *Joseph Lewis*, of the County of *Morris*, *Isaac Halfey*, of the County of *Essex*, and *William Hough*, Esquire, of the County of *Burlington*, be respectively empowered to draw from the Treasury a Sum not exceeding *Twelve Thousand Pounds* each, for Payment of the Arrears due to the Militia in their several Districts, up to the first Day of this Instant (*May*) exclusive; and that they be accountable for the same in such Manner, as for other Monies heretofore put into their Hands for the like Purpose.

Resolved,

That the several Paymasters of the Militia pay up and settle their Accounts to the above Date, as soon as possible.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Shreve* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The House adjourned till six o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* have Leave of Absence for a few Days on special Business.

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *Shreve* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Jenkins*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Neste*.

Council-Chamber, May 5, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Morning, relative to authorizing *Joseph Lewis*, *Isaac Halfey* and *William Hough*, Paymasters of the Militia, to draw out of the Treasury, *Twelve Thousand Pounds* each, &c.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Neste* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till *Friday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 7, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition and Remonstrance from sundry Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, was presented and read, setting forth, that they are under marching Orders, and in immediate Want of a necessary Supply, agreeably to a former Application; and praying Relief.

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The House having considered the same, came to the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Council and Assembly, by a Resolution of the 30th of *April* last, did provide, that *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Commissioner of Cloathing for this State, furnish to each Officer, who, at the Time of the late Arrangement of the Brigade of this State, in the Service of the United States, did belong, and for one Year previous thereto, had belonged to the said Brigade, Cloathing to the Amount of *Two Hundred Pounds*, certain Deductions being made.

And whereas the Settlement of certain Accounts, mentioned in the said Resolution, will be attended with Delay; and a Part of the said Brigade being under immediate marching Orders;

Resolved,

That the Settlement of the Accounts of such as are under the Necessity of marching immediately, be postponed for the present; and that the said *Enos Kelsey* pay to them the said *Two Hundred Pounds* each, on Account of Cloathing, reserving such Settlement to a future Occasion.

And whereas by a Resolution of the 23d Day of *April* last, the Troops of this State are to be furnished with certain Articles for their more comfortable Subsistence, which cannot be immediately procured and issued: Therefore,

Resolved,

That there be paid to each non-commission Officer and Private, belonging to the said Brigade, the Sum of *Forty Dollars*; to be accounted for when the Articles, in the said Resolution mentioned, are provided and forwarded to the said Brigade; and that the said *Enos Kelsey* employ a proper Person to pay to each non-commission Officer and Private, out of any Money which may remain in his the said *Enos Kelsey's* Hands, the aforesaid Sum, and take his Receipt for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *J. Schenck* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Houston*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Representation to Congress, upon the Reports of the Committees of Conference appointed on the 22d and 26th of *April* last; which was read and approved, as follows:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled.

The REPRESENTATION of the State of *New-Jersey*,

Sheweth,

THAT we are fully convinced the Circumstances of the Times render a further Provision for the Subsistence and Comfort of the Army of the United States indispensably necessary; but are of Opinion the Mode adopting to effect this Purpose, is very improper, and will be productive of injurious Consequences. The several States are each forming a separate Plan of supplying their own Troops with such Necessaries as they think most adviseable, nearly at the Prices current when the Army was established; and stipulating in their Favour such other Privileges and Advantages as may, in a considerable Degree, make good the Contract under which they entered the Service at the Commencement of the War. These Regulations, various, unequally advantageous, and formed upon different Principles, must, in their Practice and Operation, produce Discontents, Murmurings, and per-

haps still worse Effects; Resignations among the Officers, and Desertion among the Men.

Further, while each State thus supports a System of its own, the whole Expence is greatly and unnecessarily encreased; for although it be paid by the States separately, and not out of the continental Treasury, it is still a general Expence; and the Wages, which each State must pay on purchasing for, and issuing to their respective Troops, would be double or treble their Proportion of the Sum, which would procure the Whole purchased and issued to the Army at large, if a Provision were made by Congress.

We would also suggest the exceeding Difficulty under which this State must labour, in carrying their Part of this divided Mode of Supply into Execution. The Means of Importation are not in our Power; and Purchases on the Continent must be made at a Distance, and under every other Disadvantage. To the Congress these Things would be more practicable. In many Cases only a greater Quantity of the same Articles would be necessary, and they might be procured in the same Line, in which the Army is now supplied.

Every Expence which may be necessary for the Comfort and Supply of those who devote themselves to the publick Service, we are cheerfully willing, to the utmost of our Proportion, to defray; but mean not to recommend, or even approve in the slightest Degree, any Kind of Establishment, or particular Emoluments for Life: These, to say Nothing more, were no Part of the original Contract; they cannot be demanded or hoped for on any equitable Principles.

By a Resolution of Congress of the 15th of *March* last, all Officers, non-commission Officers and Soldiers, now belonging to the Corps of Light Dragoons, and Artillery and Infantry, and the Corps of Artillery Artificers already commissioned and enlisted, or to be commissioned and enlisted, not being Part of the eighty-eight Battalions, are to be considered as Parts of the Quotas of the several States to which they belonged or may belong, when commissioned or enlisted, and credited accordingly. Part of two Regiments of Horse, one now in the Eastern States, the other in *Pennsylvania*; two Companies of Artillery at separate Posts; Part of two of the sixteen additional Regiments, now in different Stations, beside Artillery Artificers employed at different Places, were commissioned or enlisted from this State. If we are credited with these, it will by them be expected, that we provide for them; if it is not done, the Officers will resign, and the Privates desert; and to do it, seems absolutely impracticable upon any particular State-System: And even supposing it possible, the Transportation, and Wages which must be given for procuring it, done at so many different Posts, would be out of all usual Proportion to the Value of the Articles supplied.

For the above Reasons, with many others, with which we think it unnecessary to detain Congress, we earnestly entreat, that they would adopt a Mode of making such further Provision for the Army, as they may think just and adequate; a Mode, which, by comprehending the Whole, will remove all Danger of partial Distinctions; which will be less difficult, less expensive than the Mode excepted against; and which will produce that Satisfaction, without which the Service can never be generally agreeable to those engaged in it, or fully beneficial to the Nation.

Ordered,

That the same be transcribed, signed, and forwarded immediately.
The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon. The

The House met.

Mr. *Manning* reported, that Mr. *J. Schenck* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Deare*, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

A Memorial from the Right Honourable *William*, Earl of *Stirling*, was presented and read, setting forth, that several Parts of his Real Estate, within this State, were, at the Commencement of the present War, and still are mortgaged to Persons who have joined the Enemy; that several other Parts were, and still are mortgaged to Persons residing in this State, and the State of *New-York*, Friends to the Cause of the United States; and that the Whole of his Real Estate, in this State, consisting of Lands and Tenements in several different Counties, was, and still is mortgaged for a considerable Debt, to *Hugh Wallace*, of *New-York*, who hath joined the Enemy; that from this Mixture of Titles and Claims, it is difficult to proceed to the Discharge of the Debts due to Persons with the Enemy, in the Manner directed by the Law for the Confiscation of the Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and renders it impossible for him by the Sale of the Lands, to discharge the Debts due from him to the Persons friendly to the Cause of the United States; and praying, that Leave may be given to present a Bill for vesting the Whole of his Estate in *New-Jersey*, in Trustees, that the same may be sold for Discharge of the Mortgages, and the Remainder, if any, conveyed to him, his Heirs, and Assigns:

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Officers of the third Regiment of the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Month of *June* last, at or about the Time of the Battle of *Monmouth*, a Quantity of Cloathing, and other Articles belonging to them, by falling into the Hands of the Enemy, was unavoidably lost; and praying a Reimbursement for the same.

On the Question, Whether the Prayer of said Petition be now granted? It passed in the Negative.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, May 8, 1779.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Hand*, be a Committee to revise the Act to enable the Judges to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, &c. and to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of the same.

A Petition from a large Number of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that strict and efficacious Laws may be enacted for checking and suppressing Vice and Immorality; that Measures may be taken for preventing the Depreciation, and for restoring the Credit of the continental Currency; that Means may be used to procure a Regulation of Prices throughout the United States; and that Application be made to Congress, to adopt the Mode of supplying the Army by Contracts, and not on Commissions as at present:

Ordered,

That so much of the said Petition, as relates to the Suppression of
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Vice and Immorality, be read a second Time; and that the Remainder be referred to the Committee of Conference appointed on the 26th of *April* last.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

Council-Chamber, May 8, 1779.

THE Council having taken in Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *J. Schenck*, relative to the Payment of several Sums of Money to the Officers and Soldiers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade;

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to six o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House adjourned to ten of the Clock, on *Monday* Morning next.

Monday, May 10, 1779.

The House met.

The Memorial of the Right Honourable *William*, Earl of *Stirling*, was read a second Time;

Ordered,

That the Memorialist have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Memorial.

The Petition of a large Number of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex*, praying, that a Law may be enacted to establish a certain Mill-Dam, near *Brunswick* Landing, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Sitting of the General Assembly, upon giving previous Notice of such their Intention, at least four Weeks successively in Mr. *Collins's* Gazette.

The Petition from sundry Freeholders, Proprietors of certain Meadows lying within *Holmes's* Bank, in the Township of *Hopewell*, and County of *Cumberland*, praying a Law may be enacted to enable the Owners of the said Meadows to support by a Tax, a Road leading from them, for the Convenience of conveying out Hay, was read the second Time:

Whereupon,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Inasmuch as many of the County Collectors have not sent in to the Legislature, the Duplicates of the Rateables in their several Counties, within the Time prescribed by Law;

Ordered,

That the Members of those Counties, the Collectors of which have not as yet made Return of their respective Duplicates, be directed to give Notice to the said Collectors forthwith to send or bring in the same.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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The House met.

Whereas by a Resolve of the fifth Day of *May* Instant, *John Denton*, of *Princeton*, was authorized and directed to purchase two Tons of Powder and other Ammunition, to be placed in certain Magazines for the Use of the State: And whereas the Quantity allotted to the Counties nearest to the Enemy, may be inadequate; and moreover, Provision ought to be made for supplying the Artillery;

Resolved,

That the said *John Denton* be authorized and directed to purchase, in Addition to the above, Half a Ton of Musket Powder, with Lead, Cartridge Paper and Flints in Proportion thereto; and that he deliver the same to *Benoni Hathaway*, of *Morrisstown*, to be made up into sizeable Cartridges, and distributed in the Manner prescribed in the said Resolution; that he also purchase three Quarters of a Ton of Cannon Powder, with a proportionable Quantity of Shot, and Flannel for Cartridges; and deliver one third Part thereof to *Elias Woodruff*, of *Princeton*, and the remaining two Thirds to the said *Benoni Hathaway*, to be made up into Cartridges sizeable to the Artillery of the State, and delivered to the Orders of the Colonels or commanding Officers of the Regiments to which the several Companies of Artillery are, by the Law for regulating the Militia, attached.

Resolved,

That the said *John Denton* be authorized to draw from the Treasury, a further Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, for the Purpose of carrying into Effect this Resolution; and that he be accountable for the Application thereof.

Resolved,

That the Legislature will provide for Payment of the reasonable Accounts of the Persons above-mentioned, for their Time and Expence in carrying into Effect the above Resolutions.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Shreve* and *Mr. Thompson* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, May 11, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. Shreve reported, that *Mr. Thompson* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to *Mr. Harris*, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

John Brown, one of the Signers of the Petition presented to the House on the 30th of *April* last, praying, that a Law may be enacted to confirm the Last Will and Testament of *George Brown*, late of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, deceased, attended the House with his Evidence and Papers; and being called in, the Service of the Order of the House was proved, and the various Papers and Evidences were laid before them, together with a Petition from the Guardians of the Heir at Law, praying, that the said Will may be confirmed agreeably to the Request of the Petitioners, and then withdrew:

Whereupon *Mr. Manning*, on Behalf of the Petitioners, offered a Bill pursuant to Leave given;

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Ordered,

That the same be received, and read to-morrow Morning.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Blanch* have Leave of Absence for some Days, on special Business.

The Message from the Governor of the 22d of *April* last, with the Papers accompanying the same, was read the second Time;

Resolved,

That the House will make Provision for communicating to the different States, the Proceedings relative to such Inhabitants of this State, as have joined the Enemies thereof, and of the United States.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Ewing* be a Committee to examine what Cloathing has been furnished for the Use of the Army, during the Years 1776 and 1777, by any Persons appointed by this State, that Returns of the same may be made agreeably to the Tenor of the Resolution of Congress of the 2d of *March*, 1779; and to make Report to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Nefte*.

Council-Chamber, May 11, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thompson*, empowering *John Denton* to purchase a Quantity of Powder, and other Ammunition, &c.

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Nefte* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to seven o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Memorial from *Edmund Bainbridge*, of the Township of *Maidenhead*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had, before the Commencement of the present War, sold to his Brother, *Abfalom Bainbridge*, certain Lands lying in the said Township of *Maidenhead*, and received Part of the Purchase-Money, but that he hath not given a Deed of Conveyance; that the said *Abfalom Bainbridge* hath joined the Enemy; and praying, that he may be permitted to return the Money he hath received, to the Commissioners for selling forfeited Estates, and be allowed to hold the said Lands;

Ordered,

That the said Memorial have a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, May 12, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from *Joshua Stout*, of the Township of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1772, he purchased a certain Plantation situate in the said Township of *Amwell*, of *Thomas Leonard*, late of *Freehold*, in the County of *Moumouth*,

Monmouth, who had before mortgaged the same, which Mortgage he the Petitioner hath been obliged to pay; that the said *Thomas Leonard* hath joined the Enemy; and praying, that as he hath not been able to procure a Title, the Legislature will enact a Law to secure him in the Premises;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Samuel Henry* and others, of the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1775, they bought at a Sheriff's Sale, certain Lands lying in the said County of *Hunterdon*, said to be the Property of Lord *Stirling*, and mortgaged to some Persons residing in the City of *New-York*; that they have paid Part of the Purchase-Money; and praying to be directed where to pay the remaining Part, and receive a good and sufficient Title for the Premises:

Resolved,

That as far as appears to the House, the Law is adequate to the Relief of the Petitioners.

A Petition of sundry Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that large Taxes may be levied, and that Means may be adopted for levying the same in an equitable Manner;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for levying a Tax.

Mr. *Bowen*, on Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying within Holms's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, and County of Cumberland, to make, repair, and maintain a Road leading on to the same, by a Tax on the said Meadows*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Manning*, on Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Houston*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Memorial of *John Gill*, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, for the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth his having been robbed by the Enemy, of *Two Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds, Five Shillings*, of the Money belonging to the said Office; and praying Allowance for the same, was read a second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for his Relief.

The Petition of sundry Officers of the different Troops of Light Dragoons in this State, praying, that they may be regimented, and be put under the Command of proper Field-Officers, referred to this Sitting, was again read: Whereupon,

Resolved,

That from the dispersed Situation of the several Troops of Militia
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Light Dragoons, embodied in different Parts of the State, and at a Distance from one another, no valuable Purpose can be answered by regimenting them in the Manner proposed in the said Petition.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, praying, that a Law may be enacted, whereby all such as are conscientiously scrupulous of swearing in any Case, may be allowed the Affirmation as well as the People called *Quakers*, referred to the present Sitting, was again read;

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, and that Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Brookfield*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourned to six o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Joshua Huddy*, late Captain of an Artillery Company, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying Pay for the Use of two Horses taken into the Artillery-Service, was, at last Sitting, referred, reported:

THAT the Committee had examined the several Facts and Allegations set forth in the said Petition, and find, that the Petitioner had two Horses in the Service of the Artillery Company under his Command, from the 24th of *September*, 1777, to the 1st of *July*, 1778, being two hundred and eighty Days; for each of which they are of Opinion, he ought to receive *Five Shillings* by the Day.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees to the said Report? It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said *Joshua Huddy* be allowed for the Use of the said Horses, during the Time mentioned in the above Report, the same Compensation as, by the Militia Law at that Time in Force, was allowed for the Horses used by the Militia Light Dragoons; and that he present his Account properly authenticated to the Paymaster of the Militia of the County of *Monmouth*, for Payment.

Mr. *Hugg*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired since the last Sitting, or are near expiring, reported:

1. THAT the Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

2. The Act to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*, will expire at the End of the present Sitting.

3. The Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the *New-Jersey* Regiments, on the Continental Establishment, will expire at the End of this Sitting.

Mr. *Drake*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act to extend the Power of Justices of the Peace in committing and removing Prisoners*, was, at the last Sitting, committed, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read:

On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed? It passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Drake*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the

the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices, to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Otto has Leave of Absence till Monday next.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, May 13, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that several penal Laws may be enacted to punish and suppress Vice and Immorality;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be sent to the Council, before whom, this House is informed, is a Bill on the Subject thereof.

The Petition of a Number of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, praying, that strict and efficacious Laws may be enacted for the Suppression of Vice and Immorality, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be sent to the Council, as they have before them a Bill on that Subject.

Two Petitions from sundry Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, were presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that, in levying Taxes, a more equitable Mode, and better suited to the Circumstances of the present Times, may be adopted;

Ordered,

That they be referred to the Committee appointed to draught a Bill for levying a Tax.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Course of the present War, they have, by divers Accidents, lost their Title-Deeds and Assurances, by which they hold their Estates; and praying a Law may pass to make them secure against any Loss or Damage, which may thence arise;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Otto, Mr. Buck and Mr. Hand, be a Committee to bring in a Bill supplemental to the Act for Support of Government.

Whereas a Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military Service*, was sent from this House to the Council for Concurrence, during the last

Sitting; and it being very necessary a Law should be enacted to make the Provision intended by the said Bill; and no Notice having as yet been received, whether the same is passed or rejected;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldredge* wait on the Council, and desire they will inform this House, what is become of the said Bill.

The House adjourned till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday, May 14, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Eldredge* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Condict*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House being informed by Mr. *Chambers*, of the Decease of *John Hart*, Esquire, one of the Representatives in General Assembly for the County of *Hunterdon*;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do issue an Order to the High Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*, directing him to hold an Election for the Choice of a Representative of the said County, in General Assembly, during the Remainder of the Year, in the Room of the said *John Hart*, Esq. deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Hugg*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the regulating, training, and arming of the Militia.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to six o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 14, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Clark* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron, from military Duty*; and also the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein; which Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*, was read and compared:

On the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Dunham* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

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A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 14, 1779.

THAT Mr. Clark do wait upon the House of Assembly, and, in Answer to their Message of Yesterday, inform them, that the Bill for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, sent by the Assembly to this House last Sitting for Concurrence, would, in the Opinion of the Council, be attended with great and unnecessary Expence in its Execution, by drawing from the Treasury, for the Pay of a large Board of Commissioners, a Sum nearly equal to the probable Amount of the Relief to be granted; and, in many other Respects, the said Bill appeared to be inadequate to the Purposes intended: Council deeply impressed with the Necessity of providing for the unhappy Sufferers, and desirous of affording all needful Relief in a Way beneficial to the distressed, and yet without unnecessary Expence to the State, accordingly amended and sent back the said Bill to the Assembly for Concurrence, who returned the same, rejecting the Amendments, and adhering to the Bill; which Bill so adhered to, for the Reasons that occasioned the Amendments, was, in Justice to all concerned, rejected by this House:

Ordered,

That Mr. Houston, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Manning, be a Committee to bring in the Draught of a Bill for the Relief of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers.

Mr. Hugg has Leave of Absence till Monday, and Mr. Foster till Wednesday next.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, May 15, 1779.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying within Holms's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, and County of Cumberland, to make, repair, and maintain a Road leading on to the same, by a Tax on the said Meadows*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough have Leave of Absence till Friday Morning next.

Mr. J. Schenck, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Guest, of New-Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, presented on the 24th of April last, reported:

THAT they had carefully enquired into the Matter of the said Petition, and are of Opinion, that the Grant of the Privilege therein requested, will be of great publick Utility, and if properly guarded, cannot injure any Individual; and that, therefore, he ought to have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

To which Report the House agreed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning next, ten of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, May 17, 1779.

The House met.

Whereas it appears by Information from *John Denton*, and likewise by a Letter from the continental Board of War to His Excellency the Governor, that a Quantity of Lead, sufficient to furnish the Magazines of this State, cannot be had without sending to *New-England* for the same; and the Board of War suggesting the Propriety of purchasing Iron or Flour for the continental Service, to be forwarded by the Teams sent for the said Lead, and engaging to give Credit for the Quantity delivered there, in the Account;

Resolved,

That the said *John Denton* be authorized to purchase a Quantity of Iron, sufficient to load the Teams to be sent for the said Lead, and deliver the same agreeably to the Direction from the Board of War; taking Receipts therefor, and directing, that the same be placed to the Credit of the State.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Clark* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in this Resolution.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Clark* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 15, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Condict* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, one thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Bowen*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for compleating the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Townsend* carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Brookfield* reported, that Mr. *Townsend* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from *Benjamin Smith*, of *Trenton*, was presented and read, setting forth he has been appointed Postmaster in that Place, and praying, that he may be exempted from military Duty;

Ordered,

The same may be referred to the Committee on the Bill for amending the Militia Law.

A Message from the Governor by Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Resolution of Congress of the 10th of *May* Instant, signifying, in Answer to the Representation of the Legislature, sent the 7th Instant, that, as soon as Congress shall have concluded their Deliberations on certain Affairs of great Moment now before them, the Affairs of the

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Army shall be considered, and due Attention paid to the Subject-Matter thereof.

The House adjourned to six o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in said County, have been guilty of Misconduct in the Execution of the Trust reposed in them; and praying, that a Day may be appointed for said Petitioners to bring forward the Witnesses in Support of the Charges exhibited in their Petition against said Commissioners;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Houfson*, Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Wilson*; and that they examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Council-Chamber, May 17, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Morning, relative to authorizing *John Denton* to purchase a Quantity of Iron, to be exchanged for Lead;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, May 18, 1779.

The House met.

Whereas the House are informed by *James Ewing*, Esquire, late one of the Paymasters of the Militia of this State, that the Sum of *Eighteen Thousand Dollars* lately received by him from the Treasury of the United States, was of the Emission of *May 20, 1777*, and *April 11, 1778*, lately called out of Circulation; and that a considerable Part thereof remains on his Hands;

Resolved,

That the Treasurer receive from the said *James Ewing*, the said Money yet remaining in his Hands, and dispose of the same as directed in the Resolution of both Houses of the 30th of *April* last.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Beam* do carry the above Resolve to the Council, and request their Concurrence.

Mr. *Otto* reported, that Mr. *Beam* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Otto*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Houfson*, on Behalf of the Memorialist, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting*

the same, and for conveying to him the Remainder, if any be; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Governor was read, accompanied with a List of Arms and Accoutrements, signed by the Sub-Lieutenant of the City of Philadelphia, and charged as borrowed by certain Officers of the Militia of this State, and also authenticated Copies of sundry Receipts given for the same; and requesting they may be returned:

Ordered,

That the said Message and Papers be referred to Mr. Houston and Mr. Wilson, to examine the Matter thereof, and make Report to the House.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron, from military Duty*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

The House adjourned to six o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Council-Chamber, May 18, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly of this Morning, directing the Treasurer to receive a Sum of Money remaining in the Hands of James Ewing, Esq.

Resolved,

That this House concur in the said Resolution.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference appointed on Monday, the 26th of April last, have Leave to withdraw; and the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, May 19, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. J. Schenck, from the Committee of Conference appointed on Monday, the 26th of April last, reported:

THAT the Committees of both Houses had met in Conference, and agreed to a Report, which he was ready to make, whenever the House will please to receive it;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. J. Schenck reported the Proceedings of the Conference, as follows:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled.

The REPRESENTATION and PETITION of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the State of New-Jersey,

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THAT by a Resolution of Congress of the 9th Day of March last, the Infantry of the United States is directed to be composed, for
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the ensuing Campaign, of eighty Battalions; that the several States are therein required to make up and compleat their respective Battalions to their full Complement by Draughts, or in such other Manner as they may think proper; and that they have their Quotas of Deficiencies ready to take the Field, and to march to such Place as the Commander in Chief shall direct, without Delay.

That by a Resolution passed in the Month of *December*, 1777, it is recommended to the several States, to supply the Officers of their respective Troops with sundry Articles of Cloathing, at certain Rates.

That the Legislature of this State are taking the necessary Measures to comply with the Requisition above-mentioned; and have already in Part furnished Cloathing to the Officers of the Regiments belonging to the Brigade of the State, as recommended.

But they find themselves greatly at a Loss, from any Communication made to them by Congress, to ascertain precisely what is intended by their Quota of Troops, in the Service of the United States.

For that by a Resolution of Congress, respecting the Legion raised by the Count *Pulaski*, such Recruits as have been, or may be enlisted for the same, in this State, are to be credited to the Quota thereof; and by one other Resolution of the 15th of *March* last, 'All Officers, non-commission Officers and Soldiers, now belonging to the Corps of Light Dragoons, and Artillery and Infantry, and the Corps of Artillery Artificers, not being Part of the eighty-eight (now eighty) Battalions, apportioned to the States, be considered as Parts of the Quotas of the several States to which they belonged, when commissioned or enlisted.'

It is therefore their Desire and Petition, that Congress will order them the necessary Information, in what Manner the Credit above-mentioned is to be made; whether they are to look upon the Parts of the Corps mentioned in the above Resolutions, which have been raised in this State, or any particular Kind of them, as to be reckoned in compleating their three Regiments of Infantry to the Establishment of *May* 27, 1778; and also, that the Returns directed by the Resolution of the 15th of *March* last, from one or two Regiments excepted, none of which they have yet received, be made as early as the Nature of the Case will possibly admit, inasmuch as at the present Season of the Year, the Legislature cannot long continue sitting; and further would request, that Congress will pay the earliest Attention to the Representation lately made in Behalf of this State, on the Subject of providing for the better Subsistence of the Army, which they cannot but consider as a Matter of the highest Moment, not to this State only, but to the Union in general.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Speaker sign the same in Behalf of the House.

Mr. *J. Schenck* further reported, that in Consideration of the Necessity of an early Return from Congress, on the Subject of the said Representation, it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it will be necessary a Member from each House be appointed to proceed to Congress with the same: To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That *Elijah Clark*, Esquire, be appointed on the Part of this House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

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The Bill, intitled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read the second Time, and debated by Paragraphs ;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be adjourned till to-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Eldredge* has Leave of Absence for Recovery of his Health.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, May 20, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a more equitable Mode of Taxation than that heretofore used, may be adopted in levying the Taxes now to be raised ;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to the Committee on the Bill for levying a Tax.

A Petition from sundry Officers of the Militia of the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, praying, that certain Amendments therein mentioned, may be made to the Act for regulating the Militia ;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on the Bill for amending the Militia Law.

Mr. *Houston*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Message from the Governor of *Tuesday* last, with the Papers accompanying the same, reported :

That the Committee had considered the Matter of the said Message, and of the Papers sent therewith, and made the necessary Enquiries into the Circumstances of the Loan of Arms and Accoutrements therein mentioned ; and are of Opinion, that the same were borrowed, or received by the several Officers to whom they are charged, without the Direction of any publick Authority of the State ; that the said Officers, it called upon, will doubtless be able to render an Account : and that, should the same be necessary, it will be proper the Executive Authority of the State do give all the Assistance in their Power, in forwarding a Settlement of this Matter.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report ? It passed in the Affirmative ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* wait on the Governor with a Copy of this Minute.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof* ; and after Debate,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met,

And resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to embody for*

for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof; and having further debated the same,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. Houston, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Kitchel.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 20, 1779.

THAT Mr. Clark do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, May 21, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, was presented and read, praying, that one or more Company, or Companies of Rangers, may be raised for the Suppression of Robbers and disaffected Persons in the said County;

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

A Petition from *Andrew Standly* and *Allen Congleton*, both of the County of *Salem*, was presented and read, setting forth, that they have been appointed Executors of the Last Will and Testament of *Henry Jones*, deceased; that the Will of the said deceased is fraudulently detained from them, and that the Widow of the said *Henry Jones* hath administered on the Estate, to the Injury of the Heir and Legatees; and praying, that the Legislature will, by a Law, establish a Draught of the said Will in the Hands of the Petitioners, or grant such other Relief as they shall think meet:

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Laws of this State are adequate to the Relief of the Petitioners.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, which was read;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sebring*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend one other Act therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake* have Leave of Absence on special Business, till Wednesday Morning; and also Mr. *Manning*, till Monday Noon next.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mis-*
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pending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Kitchel*.

A Petition of *Joseph King*, of the County of *Morris*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he was wounded and taken Prisoner when in the Service of the United States, in the Capacity of Adjutant, and in Consequence thereof, is rendered unfit for any active Service; and praying Relief:

Ordered,

That the same be referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Saturday, May 22, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *J. Schenck*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Gueft, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and for conveying to him the Remainder, if any be*, was read the second Time, and debated by Paragraphs;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Letter to the Speaker from *Elisha Boudinot*, Esquire, Commissary of Prisoners for this State, accompanied with sundry Papers, was read, setting forth the Necessity of a more liberal Supply of Money, as well for the Support of the Inhabitants of this State, Prisoners in *New-York*, as of such of the Enemy as are Prisoners in his Care:

Whereupon,

Resolved,

That *Elisha Boudinot*, Esquire, Commissary of Prisoners for this State, be empowered to draw from the Treasury, in Addition to the Sum he is already intituled to receive, any further Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, that he may be enabled to provide for such Inhabitants of this State, as are Prisoners with the Enemy, and for other necessary Purposes of his Department; that he be accountable for the Expenditure of the said Money, and that his Receipts be a Voucher to the Treasurer for such Sum or Sums as may be drawn in Virtue hereof.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron, from military Duty*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *P. Schenck* do wait on the Council, and acquaint

acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House, without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, was read a second Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Foster* reported, that Mr. *P. Schenck* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, reported the same, with sundry Amendments, which were read.

On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Woodruff* do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and request their Concurrence with the said Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foster* have Leave of Absence till *Tuesday* next, on special Business.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying within Holms's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, and County of Cumberland, to make, repair and maintain a Road leading into the same, by a Tax on the said Meadows*, was read, and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Haulton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> .
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Manning* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Manning* and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to Mr. *Harris*, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned to ten of the Clock, on *Monday* Morning next.

Monday, May 24, 1779.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* have Leave of Absence till to-morrow three o'Clock in the Afternoon, on special Business.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony, to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath, reported a Draught, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, while the same was a Colony, reported a Draught, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Ford* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himself delivered the Resolution with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and after Debate, was committed to Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Cripps*.

Mr. *Woodruff* reported, that Mr. *Bowen* and himself had delivered the Bill and Amendments with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition of a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, was presented and read, praying, that if the House go into a Bill for raising *One Million of Pounds*, the same may be paid in at two different Payments, and that it be raised in an equitable Manner upon the Inhabitants of the State, according to their Estates;

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time.

A Motion was made, that all such Petitions as have been read in the House, and referred to the Committee on the Bill for levying a Tax, be now again read.

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On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Schring,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend.	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Smock,		Mr. Hand,	Mr. MacCullough.
		Mr. Kitchel,	

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the Title, by inserting a less Sum than *One Million of Pounds*.

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Schring,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Buck,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Hugg,	
Mr. Mac Collum,			
Mr. MacCullough.			

A Motion was made, that the highest Sum, at which Fisheries may be taxed, shall be *Five Hundred Pounds*.

On the Question, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

For £ 500.	For £ 500.	For £ 500.	For less.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Schring,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. P. Schenck,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Houston,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Otto,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. Hugg,
			Mr. MacCullough.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Sinnickson.

Council-Chamber, May 24, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Ford and Fenimore, relative to empowering *Elisha Boudinot*, Esquire, Commissary of Prisoners, to draw from the Treasury, *Five Thousand Pounds*;

Resolved,

That the House concurs in the Resolution therein contained.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Van Nefse:

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 24, 1779.

THAT Mr. Van Nefse wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, May 25, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Houffon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, respecting the Conduct of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, for that County, reported:

That the Committee had examined the Matter of the said Petitions, and made such Enquiries into the Facts therein mentioned, as their Time and Attention to the Business of the House would admit; that on Examination, they find divers Real Estates sold by the said Commissioners, were not advertised as the Law directs; and that sundry other Charges are made against the said Commissioners, which, if true, will materially affect the Interest of the State: They are therefore of Opinion, that a Committee of both Houses be appointed to enquire particularly into the Truth of the Charges mentioned in the said Petitions, and the Conduct of the said Commissioners in the Execution of their Duty; that the said Committee, or a Majority of them, have Power, should Circumstances require it, to send for Papers and Witnesses, and to have the Witnesses examined, and their Affidavits taken, and generally to take such legal Measures as may be requisite to ascertain the Truth of the several Facts, which they may think necessary to be investigated, in order to do Justice to the Parties and the State; and that they make Report of their Proceedings as soon as possible. To which Report the House agreed.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Fenimore*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, for the Purposes above-mentioned.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Kitchel* do wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Neste*.

Council-Chamber, May 25, 1779.

WHEREAS the House have received Information of a Number of Cattle and Horses being driven down to the City of *Amboy*, which are in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy;

Resolved,

That the Governor be authorized and empowered to issue Orders to Colonel *Neilson*, or the Commanding Officer of the Militia, serving in the Vicinity of *Amboy*, to cause the said Cattle and Horses to be removed to a Place of Safety, and that the Expence attending such Removal, be paid by the Owner or Owners of said Cattle and Horses.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Neste* wait on the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth, that many of the Inhabitants of said County have been plundered and deprived of their Property by some of the Fugitives, who have joined the Enemy, and praying a Reimbursement out of such Fugitives' Estates, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey.*

A Motion

A Motion was made for an Amendment in the following Words, *viz.* that those single Men only who work for Hire, and those who live with their Parents, and follow any mechanical Business, be rated in the said Bill.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Hand,	

A Motion was made, that the Words (whether he lives with his Parents, or otherwise) be struck out.

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Houston,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. Smock,		

A Motion was made for an Amendment, by inserting *Twenty-five Pounds*, instead of *Fifteen Pounds*, as the highest Sum at which Slaves may be taxed.

On the Question, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. P. Schenck,
Mr. Houston,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Sebring,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Hugg,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Kitchel.
Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Mott,	
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Collum,		
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Cullough.		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, was presented, setting forth their great Want of Arms and Accoutrements, and praying some Amendment to the Militia Law; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the supplementary Act to the Act for the regulating, training, and arraying of the Militia.

Mr. Manning reported, that Mr. Kitchel and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. Deare, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Wednesday, May 26, 1779.

The House met.

The House took into Consideration the Resolution brought from the Council Yesterday, by Mr. Van Neste;

Resolved,

That this House do concur therein.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Blanch* wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Application being made to the House by *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for Direction respecting the Payment of the Sum of *Forty Dollars*, lately allowed by a Resolution of both Houses, to every non-commission Officer and Private, belonging to the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, to ten Men draughted from the said Regiments, and forming a Part of His Excellency General Washington's Guard;

Resolved,

That the said *Enos Kelsey* do pay the same, according to the Return made to him, and laid before this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Blanch* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*, was read, and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> .	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*.

On the Question, Whether Money at Interest be taxed? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> .
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,			

On the Question, Whether Money at Interest, in the continental Loan, be taxed? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> .
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		

A Motion was made for an Amendment, by inserting a Sum as the lowest Rate at which Lands may be valued in each County.

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,		Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Chambers</i> .

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, and for making Provision by Law, for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read, and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* do carry the said Bill to Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, May 26, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Blanch*, relative to giving Directions to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for the Payment of *Forty Dollars*, to certain non-commission Officers and Privates, belonging to the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, &c.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, May 26, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Kitchel*;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Deare*, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purposes mentioned in the said Message, and that they make Report to the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey.*

A Motion was made for an Amendment, by striking out the Proviso, at the End of the first Section.

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Collum,
		Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Cullough.

On the Question, Whether the second Section do pass, as it now stands? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Mayhew,	
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Thompson,		
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Buck,		
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Ewing.		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy,* was read the third Time ;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Drake and Mr. J. Schenck do wait on the Council, and inform them, that the said Bill hath passed this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, May 27, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. Clark reported, that Mr. Kirkpatrick and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Tallman, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges,* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Motion was made by Mr. Mott, that the Speaker be directed to issue an Order to the Sheriff of the County of Somerset, to cause an Election to be held in the said County, for the Choice of a Representative, in the Room of William-Churchill Houston, Esquire, who was elected the 25th of this Instant, a Delegate to represent this State in Congress.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees to the same?

The

The previous Question being called for, Whether the said Question be now put? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bram,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Sbreve,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Draven,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Buck.	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Shaffer,
		Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Mac Collum,
		Mr. Foster,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
		Mr. Clark,	

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*; and after some Time spent therein; referred the same to further Consideration.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, praying an Act to incorporate the said Town, was presented and read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from the Trustees of the College of *New-Jersey*, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1748, they obtained from the then Governor of this (now) State, a Charter of Incorporation for the said College, and praying an Act may pass for Confirmation and Amendment of the same;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *J. Schenck* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Harris*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read in their Places, and debated.

On Motion for an Amendment, that instead of classing the Militia, as directed in this Bill, the Men be raised by Bounty, and a Tax levied for that Purpose on the State in the usual Manner.

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hugg,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Bowen.	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Congleton,		Mr. Ford,	Mr. Thompson,
		Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Ewing,
		Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Shaffer,
		Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. MacCullough.
		Mr. Sbreve,	

A Motion was made for an Amendment, by striking out the Exempts. On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Buck,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Ewing.	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,
	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,
	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,
	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Drake,
	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,
	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Thompson,
	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Bowen,
	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Mac Collum,
	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. MacCullough.

A Motion was made for an Amendment, by striking out the Members of the Legislature from the List of Exempts.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees to the same? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Hugg,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Shaffer.	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Shreve,		Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,
		Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,
		Mr. Foster,	Mr. Bowen,
		Mr. Clark,	Mr. Mac Collum,
		Mr. Otto,	Mr. MacCullough.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, May 28, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. Otto, in Behalf of the Memorialist, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newtown. in the County of Gloucester, and one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the said County, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money taken by the Enemy; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.*

A Message from Council by Mr. Deare.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 27, 1779.

THAT Mr. Deare wait on the House of Assembly with the Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be, with the Amendments thereto annexed, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments:*

Whereupon the said Bill, with the Amendments, being read and considered;

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendments? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Mac Collum.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Shaffer,	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. MacCullough.	

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, with the Amendments made by the Committee.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the 7th Section, by limiting the Sum which the Field-Officers may be permitted to give for Substitutes.

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Clark,		Mr. Cripps,	Mr. MacCullough.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill, be postponed.

A Message from Council by Mr. Cooper.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 28, 1779.

THAT Mr. Cooper do carry the Bill re-engrossed, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments; which re-engrossed Bill being read and compared,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Sinnickson.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 28, 1779.

THAT Mr. Sinnickson wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony, to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from Council by Mr. Sinnicksen.

Resolved, Council-Chamber, May 28, 1779.
THAT *Isaac Collins* be directed to print five hundred Copies of the Act, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, together with Copies of this Resolution, to be distributed in the several Counties of this State; and that every Person who keeps a publick House, Inn or Ordinary, be directed to fix, and keep up in publick View, in his or her House, one of the said Copies, and that it be recommended to the several Courts of Quarter-Sessions, not to grant or renew a License to any Person, to keep a Tavern, Inn or Ordinary, who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Requisition herein contained; and that the said *Isaac Collins* publish the said Act in the *New-Jersey Gazette*; which Message being read and considered,

Resolved,
 That this House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.
Ordered,
 That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Manning* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, May 29, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting, by voluntary Enlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Mayhew*, with Leave, presented a Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *John Smith*, late of said County, hath joined the Enemy, and that his Estate hath been confiscated to the Use of the State; and praying, that a Part thereof may be allowed to his Son, *Adam Smith*, in Consideration of his many and faithful Services, in the Cause of *America*;

Ordered,
 That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly.
 A Petition from *Reuben Newcomb* was presented and read, setting forth, that he had been subjected to very great Expences, by Sickness, in Consequence of the Hardships he suffered in the Militia, while in the Service of the United States, and praying Relief;

Ordered,
 That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on publick Accounts.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, with the Amendments made by the Committee;

Committee; and having gone through the same, and made several other Amendments thereto:

On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Mayberr,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough,	Mr. Hand,
			Mr. Townsend,
			Mr. Buck,
			Mr. Mac Collum.

Ordered,

That Mr. Congleton and Mr. Foster do carry the said Bill with the Amendments, to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, accompanied with an Appraisement of Damages, was presented and read, setting forth, that several of them had suffered considerably by the American Army, and particularly by the Pennsylvania Forces, at the Time they built the Fortifications on Red Bank; and praying Relief in the Premises;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly.

Mr. Cripps reported, that Mr. Manning and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. Harris, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

The Petition of the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, was read the second Time.

The House having considered the same;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

Ordered,

That Mr. Manning have Leave of Absence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*; and, after some Time spent therein;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, May 31, 1779.

The House met.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. Secretary, enclosing a Resolve of Congress of the 21st Instant, containing a Requisition to this State, of the farther Sum of *Two Millions Four Hundred Thousand Dollars*, for the Service of the present Year, in Addition to the Sum of *Eight Hundred*

dred Thousand Dollars required by the Resolution of the 5th of January last, which was read and considered;

On the Question, Whether the House will, at this Time, go into the Raising of any larger Sum than what is mentioned in the Bill now before the House? It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Congleton reported, that Mr. Foster and himself delivered the Bill and Amendments with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey.*

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the seventh Section, by striking out the first Proviso of the same.

On the Question, Whether the said Proviso be struck out? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Huggs,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Sebring,		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

A Message from Council by Mr. Condict.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 31, 1779.

THAT Mr. Condict do carry the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and also the Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent Persons from passing through this State, without proper Passports, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein; which Bills being read, were ordered a second Reading.*

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, was presented and read, setting forth, that many of the Inhabitants of that County have suffered much by the Enemy, as they passed through the State, by having their Houses plundered, and many of them burned and destroyed, and praying Relief in the Premises;

Ordered,

That the same be referred for further Consideration.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be, with the Amendments made by Council thereto, was read, and compared;*

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Shreve and Mr. Brookfield do wait on the Council, and acquaint

acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*; and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. *Shreve* reported, that Mr. *Brookfield* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, June 1, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Kitchel*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for clearing and removing the several Obstructions of the free Course of the Waters in Passaick River, and the several Branches thereof between the little Falls in said River, and the Mill-Dam across the same, near Day's Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, June 1, 1779.

THE House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by the House of Assembly to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*; after some Time spent therein,

Resolved,

That the House agree to all the said Amendments, except these Words, to wit, *By the Council and Assembly in Joint-Meeting, and in case of Vacancies during the Recess of the Legislature*, in the Amendments to the 2d Section, Line 17th, the 12th, 14th, 21st, 23d, 67th, 68th and 70th Amendments.

Resolved,

That the House doth not agree to the said Words in the 2d Section, the 12th, 14th, 21st, 23d, 67th, 68th and 70th Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution. Which Message having been read and considered,

Resolved,

That this House do recede from the first Amendment mentioned in the said Message, and adhere to the Rest.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*; and having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned to four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 13th Day of October, 1778, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1779, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof,* was read the second Time.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the 4th Section, by inserting *Thirty*, instead of *Forty-five*.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum.
Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Drake,	
Mr. Chambers,			
Mr. MacCullough.			

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Manning.

Mr. Ford reported, that Mr. Bowen and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. Sinnickson, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony,* was read the second Time, and being amended in the House,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Sebring, in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented a Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey,* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, June 2, 1779.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting, by voluntary Enlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States,* was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker, in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam on Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony,* was read, and compared;

Resolved

Resolved unanimously,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the said Bill to Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,
That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,
That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that Mr. *Bowen* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,
That the same be committed to Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Orro*.

The House adjourned to four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, June 1, 1779.
THAT Mr. *Holmes* do carry to the House of Assembly, the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, with their Amendments; which re-engrossed Bill being read, and compared;

Ordered,
That the Speaker do sign the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, June 2, 1779.
THAT Mr. *Holmes* do carry the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, &c. to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.*

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read, and agreed to;

Ordered,
That the same, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, June 3, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 13th Day of October, 1778, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1779, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.* reported the same with several Amendments, which were read, and agreed to ;

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, was read, and compared :

On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collough</i> .
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Hand* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Mac Collum* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath*, was read and compared :

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,			

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Mac Collum* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Hugg* reported, that Mr. *Hand* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam over Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Brookfield.

The House adjourned to five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Chambers reported, that Mr. Mac Collum and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 3, 1779.

THAT Mr. Tallman do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; which Amendments were read in their Places, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned*, was read, and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough and Mr. Blanch do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting, by voluntary Enlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Woodruff do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 3, 1779.

THAT Mr. Tallman do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to suppress the growing Evils of Horse-racing and Fox-hunting, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and desire their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, June 4, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. Mac Cullough reported, that Mr. Blanch and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Sinnickson, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The engrossed Bill; intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 13th Day of October, 1778, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1779, and to discharge the publick Debts, and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Woodruff do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Fenimore, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Preservation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent trespassing with Guns*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was read the second Time: and debated.

On the Question, Whether the second Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hugg,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Chambers,		

On the Question, Whether the fourth Section, empowering the Governor and Privy Council to pardon Offenders before Conviction, in particular Cases, for the better Discovery of their Accomplices, do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Hand.
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough,	
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Chambers,		

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that Mr. Woodruff and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The Petition from the second Presbyterian Church, in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, respecting the Loss of their Title-Deeds, and Assurances, by which they hold their Estates, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was read and compared :

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Blaneh,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Conxleton,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Back,	Mr. Townsend.
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Paving,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Hayd,	Mr. Mac Callough.	
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Dunham,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ford and Mr. Cripps do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Harris.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber; June 4, 1779.

THAT Mr. Harris do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Price of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; also the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, subjecting Real Estates, in the Province of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein; which Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Erwing, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service, reported the Draught of a Bill for that Purpose, which was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Ford reported, that Mr. Cripps and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Deane, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, June 5, 1779.

The House met.

Whereas it is necessary, in the present Circumstances of this State, exposed to the predatory Incursions of the Enemy, in unconnected Detachments, and in various Places at the same Time, that the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, should be furnished with proper Means of speedily conveying his Orders to the different Parts of the State: Therefore,

Resolved,

That the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, be authorized and empowered to call out two Light-Horsemen from any Company in this State, to serve by monthly Rotation, to carry his Dispatches, and to attend him, until the next Sitting of the General Assembly, who shall be intituled to the same Pay and Allowance, during such Service, as are granted to Light-Horsemen, by the Act, intituled, *An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, to be paid by any of the Paymasters

Paymasters of the Militia of this State, on Certificates from the Governor, or Commander in Chief, specifying the Time they may have respectively attended in such Service.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Woodruff* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *P. Schenck* reported, that Mr. *Woodruff* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Jenkins*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Manning*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Lands lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Enclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of the said Lands as Common of Pasture, under certain Regulations*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments made by the Council, was read the second Time; and the said Amendments being debated,

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the two new Sections, added by the Council, and to be inserted after the fifth in the Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beam</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kitchel</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,		

Resolved,

That the House agree to the said Amendments, except the 3d, 6th, 8th and 11th, in which Parts they adhere to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Hand* carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service*, was read and debated;

Ordered,

That the same be referred for further Consideration.

Mr. *Hugg* reported, that Mr. *Hand* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Representation and Petition from the County of *Somerſet*, respecting the Depreciation of the continental Bills of Credit, the great Advance of Prices, and other Matters of publick Concern; and praying, that the Legislature will make Application to Congress, that a general Limitation of Prices be adopted; that no further Emissions of Paper Money be made; and that the War be carried on by Taxes, was read:

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Beam* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

A Message from the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from General *Washington*, on the Subject of procuring Teams for the Use of the Army, was read and considered:

Whereupon,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Laws of the State are adequate to the Purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Governor with a copy of the above Resolve.

Resolved,

That the Printer be directed to strike off Six Hundred Copies^{*} of the Laws passed at this Sitting, and a like Number of Copies of the Journals, to be delivered out as follows, viz.

To the County of		To the County of		To the County of	
<i>Bergen,</i>	34	<i>Burlington,</i>	59	<i>Hunterdon,</i>	79
<i>Essex,</i>	42	<i>Gloucester,</i>	48	<i>Morris,</i>	49
<i>Middlesex,</i>	44	<i>Salem,</i>	40	<i>Cumberland,</i>	31
<i>Monmouth,</i>	58	<i>Cape-May,</i>	14	<i>Suffex,</i>	50
<i>Somerfet,</i>	52				

** This is
allotted to
750 by a re-
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And in like Proportion, when a greater or less Number shall be ordered to be printed in Future.

And likewise Thirty-four Copies of the Laws to be distributed, as follows, viz.

To the Governor,	-	-	-	2	To the Secretary,	-	-	-	1
To the Council,	-	-	-	3	To the Treasurer,	-	-	-	1
To the Assembly,	-	-	-	6	To each of the Delegates of this State				
To each of the Judges of the Supreme					in Congress,	-	-	-	1
Court,	-	-	-	1	And for the Use of the Legislatures of				
To the Attorney-General,	-	-	-	1	each of the neighbouring States,				1

Also, Eighteen Copies of the Journals to be distributed, as follows, viz.

To the Governor,	-	-	-	2	To the Secretary,	-	-	-	1
To the Council,	-	-	-	3	To the Treasurer,	-	-	-	1
To the House of Assembly,	-	-	-	6					
To each of the Delegates of this State									
in Congress,	-	-	-	1					

Ordered,

That the Printer be directed to strike off Five Hundred Copies of the Act, intituled, *An Act to embody One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, as soon as possible, to be distributed to the several Counties, agreeably to the above Resolve.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and debated;

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Smock*.

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The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, June 7, 1779.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act subjecting Real Estates in the Province of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service*; and, having gone through the same,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Chambers, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for the Regulating, Training and Araying of the Militia*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. MacCullough.	
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Chambers,		

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and a Debate arising on the first Section of the said Bill, and the Question being put, Whether the Reduction of Prices be regulated by Committees, as therein is mentioned? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Ferd,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Ewing,		
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Shaffer,		
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Mac Collum,		
Mr. Otto,	Mr. MacCullough.		
Mr. Hugg,			

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Deare.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 7, 1779.

THAT Mr. Deare carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments in their Places, being read and considered;

Resolved unanimously,

That this House do agree to all the said Amendments, except the first, in which Instance they adhere to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Dunham and Mr. Bowen carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Condict.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 7, 1779.

THAT Mr. Condict do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; which Amendments being read in their Places,

Resolved unanimously,

That this House do agree to the said Amendments.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be re-engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Kitchel have Leave of Absence on special Business.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning five of the Clock.

Tuesday, June 8, 1779.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for the Regulating, Training and Arraying of the Militia*, was read the second Time, and debated by Paragraphs; and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Dunham reported, that Mr. Bowen and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand and Mr. Cripps do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

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The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony*, was read, and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam over Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Regulating, Training and Arraying of the Militia*.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the Proviso in the ninth Section, by limiting the Sum in which a Militia-Man may be fined by a Court-Martial:

On the Question, Whether the House agree to said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Woo'ruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .

Ordered,

That the said Bill be committed to Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Ewing*.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read and agreed to;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned till four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for Appropriation of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, subjecting Real Estates, in the Province of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, was read the third Time;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Cripps* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Council-Chamber, June 8, 1779.

THE House having taken into Consideration the Bill, intitled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, with the Amendments;

Resolved,

That this House do recede from the first Amendment made by this House to the said Bill, and rejected by the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the above Resolution.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Council-Chamber, June 8, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by this House, and rejected by the House of Assembly, to the Bill, intitled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*;

Resolved,

That this House recede from the 3d, 6th, 8th and 11th Amendments made by this House, and rejected by the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the said Resolution.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 8, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House; and also carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties to administer the official and other necessary Oaths to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State, Returns of the Names of such Officers*, and request their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Jesse Hart*, one of the Paymasters of the Militia, was presented and read, setting forth, that he had paid for Rations taken by

the Militia from their Homes, and praying the same may be allowed in his Accounts ;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly.

Mr. *P. Schenck* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

A Motion was made for adopting the following Resolution :

Whereas the Treasury of this State is at present kept in a solitary and unfrequented Place, inconvenient to the Inhabitants, and exposed to Danger from the Frequency of Robberies, with which the Country has been lately infested, which renders it highly expedient, that the same should be speedily removed to a Place of Safety ;

Resolved,

That the Treasurer of this State be directed to remove, as soon as conveniently may be, the Treasury-Chest with the Books and Papers thereunto belonging, for the better Security thereof, to be kept in Future either at *Trenton*, *Princeton*, *Bordenton* or *Burlington*, at the Election of the Treasurer, until otherwise ordered by the Legislature, unless an Incurfion or Approach of the Enemy render it's further Removal necessary.

On Motion made, and the Question put, Whether the House will, at this Time, go into the Consideration of the Matter proposed ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .		

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the Preamble, by striking out the Words, *solitary and unfrequented* :

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> .
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,		

So they were ordered to be struck out.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution, as amended ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.
 Mr. Brookfield,
 Mr. J. Schenck,
 Mr. Ford,
 Mr. Mott,
 Mr. P. Schenck,
 Mr. Smock,
 Mr. Sebring,
 Mr. Fenimore,
 Mr. Shreve,
 Mr. Foster,

Yeas.
 Mr. Clark,
 Mr. Hugg,
 Mr. Cripps,
 Mr. Cogington,
 Mr. Mayhew,
 Mr. Hand,
 Mr. Townsend,
 Mr. Dunham,
 Mr. Bowen.

Nays.
 Mr. Wilson,
 Mr. Blanch,
 Mr. Woodruff,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. Kirkpatrick,
 Mr. Otto,

Nays.
 Mr. Drake,
 Mr. Thompson,
 Mr. Ewing,
 Mr. Shaffer,
 Mr. Mac Collum,
 Mr. Mac Cullough.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thompson* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

Whereas the Council and Assembly, by their Resolution of the 12th of *December* last, did declare and resolve in the Words following, *viz.*

Whereas it frequently happens, that Officers and Privates of the Militia of this State, employed on Detachments and Enterprizes, where there is no regular and appointed Means of Relief, are subjected, by accidental Hurts and Wounds, to much Expence, which it is unreasonable that they, as Individuals, should sustain;

Resolved,

That the Paymaster of the Militia of the County, to which any such Officer or Private may belong, upon proper Proof to him made by Certificate, under the Hand of the Officer commanding any Detachment, Party or Guard, or two or more credible Persons who were present, or knowing to any such Hurt or Wound, shall pay to the Party, and also to others who may have furnished him with Necessaries the reasonable Expences incurred, and charged in an Account or Accounts authenticated by the Oaths or Affirmation of the respective Claimants.

And whereas Doubts have arisen, whether the above-recited Resolution extends to authorize the several Paymasters of the Militia, to pay Physicians' or Surgeons' Accounts for Attendance on, and for Medicines furnished to such Officers and Privates as may have received, or hereafter shall receive accidental Hurts or Wounds: And whereas some of the Paymasters of the Militia may have already paid, or may pay such Bills or Accounts before they come to the Knowledge of this Resolution; for obviating such Doubts,

Resolved,

That all Physicians' and Surgeons' Accounts, for the Services in the said Resolution specified, be hereafter transmitted to the Legislature, at their next Sitting, after the said Expences have been incurred, authenticated by the Oath or Affirmation of such Physicians or Surgeons, before some one Justice of the Peace, in the County where such wounded Officer or Private may reside, or where he may have been quartered, during the Attendance of the Physician or Surgeon; and that immediately upon receiving Notice of this Resolution, the Paymasters of the Militia desist from paying any such Accounts.

Resolved,

That the several Paymasters, who may have paid, or shall pay any such Accounts before they receive Notice of this Resolution, shall have the Amount of the same allowed to them, in the Settlement of their Accounts.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thompson* do carry the said Resolution to Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, June 9, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Shreve* reported, that Mr. *Thompson* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Regulating, Training and Arraying of the Militia*, reported the same with fundry Amendments, which were read, and agreed to ;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 8, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and to revive the Supplement thereto*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam across Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared ;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 8, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor* ; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned* ; and also the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, &c.* are passed by this House without Amendment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

On the Question, Whether the Regulation shall extend to the first of October next ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thompson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .		
Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Manning* produced to the House the Treasurer's Receipt for *Thirty-seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Six-pence*, paid into the Treasury, being the Balance of Colonel *John Neilson's* Account, as Paymaster of the nine Months Recruits, for the County of *Middlesex*, reported the 17th Day of *June*, 1778;

Ordered,

That the same be filed among the Vouchers of the said Accounts.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 9, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Woodruff* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties, to administer the official and other necessary Oaths, to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State, Returns of the Names of such Officers*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Jenkins*.

Council-Chamber, June 9, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Woodruff*, relative to empowering the Governor and Commander in Chief to call out two Light-Horsemen from any Company in this State, to carry Dispatches, &c. and the two Messages of Yesterday, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thompson*, one relative to Physicians' and Surgeons' Accounts, for attending Officers and Privates of the Militia employed on Detachments, &c. and the other relative to removing the Treasury to a Place of Security;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from Council by Mr. Jenkins.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 9, 1779.

THAT Mr. Jenkins do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised, or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, with the Amendments thereto annexed, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments in their Places, being read,

Resolved,

That the House agree to the said Amendments.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be re-engrossed.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the Council, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ford and Mr. Hugg do carry the said Bill to Council.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Regulating, Training and Arraying of the Militia*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ford and Mr. Hugg do carry the said Bill to Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties to administer the official and other necessary Oaths to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State, Returns of the Names of such Officers*, was read the third Time;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark and Mr. Dunham do wait on the Council, and inform them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Ford reported, that Mr. Hugg and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Sinnickson.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 9, 1779.

THAT Mr. Sinnickson do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments thereto annexed, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; which Amendments being read in their Places, and considered;

Resolved unanimously,

That this House doth not agree to the said Amendments, but do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Congleton and Mr. Otto do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Clark

Mr. *Clark* reported, that Mr. *Dunham* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, June 10, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Congleton* reported, that Mr. *Otto* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Tullman*, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Guest, for a limited Time, the sole right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read the second Time, and referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newton, in the County of Gloucester, and one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the said County, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money taken by the Enemy*, was read the second Time, and referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council for the Purpose of examining the Matter of the Petitions from the County of *Monmouth*, touching the Conduct of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in that County, reported:

THAT the Committee had examined several Witnesses, respecting some of the Charges contained in the said Petitions, and are of Opinion, that the Complaints therein set forth are not Groundless, but inasmuch as the Petitioners, who appeared to support the Charges, as well as the said Commissioners, alledged, that some material Witnesses on each Side, did not attend at the Time and Place appointed by your Committee for hearing and examining the same, and the Improbability that the Legislature would continue to set at present a sufficient Time fully to investigate the Matter: Therefore beg Leave to suggest, that they think it necessary, that some further Enquiry ought to be made into the Matter, in such Way and Manner as the Legislature shall direct; which, with the Depositions already taken on the Occasion, they submit to the House for their Consideration and Determination thereon.

By Order of the Committee,

June 7, 1779.

SILAS CONDUCT,
ROELOFF SEBRING.

Which Report, with the Depositions, were read:

Whereupon,
Resolved,

That this House will go into the further Examination of the same on the *Tuesday* of the second Week of their next Sitting; and that the Petitioners be served with a Copy of this Report.

Ordered,

That the Commissioners be served with a Copy of the above Report, and required to attend on that Day with such Evidences as they may think proper to introduce in their Vindication.

The

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and to revive the Supplement thereto*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Petition of the Field-Officers of the first Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that they have engaged to keep up a Guard of thirty Men along the Shore, between the Mouth of *Raritan* and *Raway* Rivers, and requesting they may be allowed Pay and Rations, and be exempted from monthly Tours and from furnishing their Quota for the State Regiment;

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Morris.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 10, 1779.

THAT Mr. Morris do carry the Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act to embody for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cripps.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and to revive the Supplement thereto*, was read the third Time;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough and Mr. Congleton do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to prevent Persons from passing through this State, without proper Passports*, was read the third Time;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough and Mr. Congleton do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 10, 1779.

THAT Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying within Holms's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, to make, repair, and maintain a Road leading into the same, by a Tax on the said Meadows*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Whereas the present Depreciation of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Congress of the United States of America, appears to this House to be pregnant with the most alarming Evils;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Woodruff*, and such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Propriety and Necessity of a Representation to Congress, on that Subject, and on the Expediency of adopting a general Regulation and Limitation of Prices throughout the United States; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at said Conference, and that Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *J. Schenck* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee, and to fix a Time and Place of Meeting for the said Conference.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 10, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Tallman* do carry the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, &c.* with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; and also acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service,* is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Amendments to the first Bill above-mentioned being read in their Places;

Resolved,

That the House do agree to the said Amendments.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be re-engrossed.

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *J. Schenck* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Mac Cullough* reported, that Mr. *Congleton* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Council-Chamber, June 10, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting, by voluntary Enlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States,* with the Amendments;

Resolved,

That this House do recede from their Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the above Resolution.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bowen* have Leave of Absence.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned,

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning five of the Clock.

Friday, June 11, 1779.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, with the Amendments made by the Council, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised, or to be raised in this State for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Hugg* do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Hugg* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Whereas the Legislature of this State hath passed an Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony; in and by which it is enacted, that all Bills of Credit emitted by Law, and likewise all these emitted by an Ordinance of the late Provincial Congress of this State; shall be brought into the Treasury to be exchanged on or before the first Day of *January* next; and that all those Bills which shall not be so brought in, on or before that Day, shall be for ever after irredeemable.

And whereas many of the said Bills may be in the Hands of Persons residing in the neighbouring States, which, unless timely Notice be given, may not be brought in within the Times limited, to the great Injury of the Possessors: To prevent which,

Resolved,

That the Printers of publick News-Papers in this and the neighbouring States, be requested to insert the above Extracts from the said Law, in their Papers, and continue the same at least four Weeks, for the Information of all Persons concerned.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the Council, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Townsend* do carry the said Bill to Council.

Mr. *Chambers* reported, that Mr. *Townsend* and himself obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Ewing*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, agreeably to Leave given at a former Sitting, brought in the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Tide-Marsh and Swamp lying upon Manamuskung Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to erect a Dam and Water-Works across the said Creek sufficient to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Sitting of the General Assembly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the same be committed to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Otto.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read the third Time;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Brookfield and Mr. J. Schenck do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, without Amendment.

Mr. Brookfield reported, that Mr. J. Schenck and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Two Messages from Council by Mr. Condict.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 11, 1779.

THAT Mr. Condict wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam across Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is passed this House without Amendment.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 11, 1779.

THAT Mr. Condict do wait on the House of Assembly, and, in Answer to their Message of Yesterday, desiring a Conference for the Purpose of sending a Representation to Congress, on the Depreciation of the Currency, &c. acquaint them that this House having passed and sent to the Assembly a Bill for reducing the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, which they have not since heard of, are of Opinion that no Representation to Congress on the Matter proposed by the Conference will be available or proper, until the Legislature of this State have first taken some necessary Steps towards effecting the good Purposes of such Measures as might be recommended, which this House are persuaded would be the Case should the abovesaid Bill be passed into a Law, and the Probability of the short Continuance of the present Sitting will not admit of any useless Expence of Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Land lying in the Township of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Inclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of the said Land as Common of Pasture, under certain Regulations*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the Council, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of*

of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to;

Resolved unanimously,

That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Mayhew* do carry the said Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Whereas *William-Churchill Houston*, Esquire, a Member of this House for the County of *Somerset*, hath been elected one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress;

Ordered,

That the Speaker issue an Order to the High Sheriff of the County of *Somerset*, requiring him to hold an Election agreeable to Law, for the Choice of a Representative of the said County in General Assembly, in the Room and Place of the said *William-Churchill Houston*, during the Remainder of the Year.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Lands lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Enclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of the said Lands, as Common of Pasture, under certain Regulations*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Hand* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Dunham* reported, that Mr. *Mayhew* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

Mr. *Hugg* reported, that Mr. *Hand* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, June 11, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by the House of Assembly to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*

Resolved,

That the House agree to all the said Amendments, except the last, in which Case they adhere to the Bill.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the above Resolution; which Message having been read and considered,

On the Question, Whether this House will recede from the said Amendment, which limited the Continuance of the said Act to the End of the first Sitting of the next Assembly? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,		Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Dunham</i> .

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Foster* reported, that Mr. *Hand* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning five of the Clock.

Saturday, June 12, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read.

A Motion was made that the Title be amended by striking out the Words *reduce* and *high*, and in Lieu of *reduce* to insert *fix*; on the Question? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .
Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Drake</i> .	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	

On the Question, Whether the Preamble be agreed to as it stands? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woodruff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,		Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,		Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,		Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,		Mr. <i>Drake</i> .

A Motion was made that the further Consideration of the Bill be deferred for the present; on the Question? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

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Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Fenimore,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Drake.	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Dunham,
		Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Shaffer,
		Mr. Buck,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
		Mr. Sebring,	

On the Question, Whether the first Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Mayhew,
			Mr. Drake.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the second Section, by expunging the Words *half the Value of the Goods*; on the Question? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Congleton.	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Buck,
	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Ewing,
	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,	
	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	

On the Question, Whether the said Section pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Mayhew,
			Mr. Drake.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the third Section, by fixing the Time of electing the Committees to the tenth of *August*; on the Question? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Drake.	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Sebring,		

A Motion was made for an Amendment, that the following Words, *All Inhabitants who are authorized to vote at Elections for Representatives*, be struck out; and that in Lieu thereof, be inserted, *All free Inhabitants of full Age, Paupers and Vagabonds excepted*:

On the Question, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Drake.	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Chambers,
	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Buck,
	Mr. Ford,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,
	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. MacCullough.

On the Question, Whether the said third Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Duck,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Congleton,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. MacCullough.	Mr. Mayhew,
			Mr. Drake.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the Afternoon.

Whereas the Militia of this State are now on Duty, and, in all Probability, will so continue throughout the Summer.

And whereas the Sums of Money, now in the Hands of the Paymasters, will be greatly insufficient to answer the Purposes of their Appointment;

Resolved,

That the Paymasters be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury of this State, the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds*, in the Proportions annexed to their respective Names, viz.

Joseph Lewis, the Sum of *Eleven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Suffex*, *Morris* and *Bergen*.

Isaac Halfey, the Sum of *Eleven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*.

Jesse Hart, the Sum of *Seven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Somerfet* and *Hunterdon*.

William Hough, Esquire, the Sum of *Eleven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Monmouth* and *Burlington*.

Thomas Carpenter, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Gloucester* and *Salem*.

Timothy Elmer, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*.

That *One per Cent.* be allowed to the Persons above appointed, for paying the said Militia; and that the Receipts of the said Paymasters respectively, be sufficient Vouchers to the Treasurer, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

Whereas it appears necessary, that some Person should be appointed on the Committee of publick Accounts, who can give constant Attendance on the same;

Resolved,

Resolved,

That Mr. *James Mac Comb*, of *Princeton*, be added to the said Committee; and that he be authorized to proceed as fast as may be, to examine and state all such Accounts as shall be exhibited in the Office of the said Committee, for Settlement.

Provided always, That he shall not be authorized to pass, allow or settle any Account, but what hath been examined by at least one of the other Members of the said Committee.

Resolved,

That the Members of the said Committee be allowed *Fifty-five Shillings* per Day, in Addition to the Pay allowed by Law, for the Time they shall actually attend, including the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings* per Day, allowed by a former Resolution of the Legislature.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Resolutions to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Deare* do carry the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them the same is passed by this House with their Amendments; also, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Lands lying in the Township of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Enclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of the said Lands, as Common of Pasture, under certain Regulations*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The above re-engrossed Bill being read and compared in the House,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

WHEREAS this House are informed by *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, that the Money which he was allowed to draw from the Treasury, by a late Resolution of the Legislature, for the Use of the Officers and Soldiers of the three *New-Jersey* Regiments, hath proved insufficient for that Purpose: And likewise that he hath entered into several Contracts for Cloathing, which he is not yet supplied with Money sufficient to pay:

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said *Enos Kelsey* any Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, for the Purposes above-mentioned, he to be accountable; and that his Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the same in the settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Otto* do carry the above Resolution to Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Chambers* reported, that Mr. *Fenimore* and himself delivered the Resolutions with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Memorial of *William Shute*, *Joseph Dickinson* and *William Thompson*, of the County of *Salem*, concerning the Misconduct of *William Miller*, *Robert Johnson* and *Thomas Norris*, Esquires, Magistrates in said County, in the Execution of their Office, was read the second Time;

Resolved,

That this House will go into the Examination of the Truth of the Charges

Charges therein exhibited, on the *Thursday* of the second Week of the next Sitting.

Ordered,

That Colonel *Samuel Dick*, Major *Ebenezer Howell*, *Curtis Trenchard*, Esq. and *John Maxfield*, of said County, be, and they hereby are required to attend this House on the said Day, as Witnesses to support the Charges in the said Memorial exhibited.

Ordered,

That *Elisba Boudinot*, Esq. Clerk of the Circuits, be, and he hereby is required to transmit to this House on or before that Day, an authentic Copy of the Proceedings of the Court of the County of *Salem* of last *December*, in the Case, The State,

v.

William Miller, &c.

Ordered,

That *William Thompson* do serve the said Witnesses with a Copy of the above Resolution and Order.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Otto* and himself delivered the Resolution with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Mac Cullough* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the two Messages from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore*, one relative to adding *James Mac Comb* to the Committee of publick Accounts, and encreasing the Wages of the said Committee, &c. and the other authorizing the Paymasters of the Militia to draw from the Treasury, *Fifty Thousand Pounds*;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Otto*, relative to authorizing *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasury *Five Thousand Pounds*, &c.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that Mr. *Mac Cullough* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such publick Accounts as might be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legislature, reported, that there are due to the several Persons under-named, the Sums annexed to their respective Names, that is to say,

1. To *William Binge*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the five Months Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

2. To *Hendrick Smock*, Esq. for the Use of *Hendrick Vander Bilt*, for a Gun impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

3. To *Hendrick Smock*, Esq. for the Use of *Gisebert Van Mater*, for a Gun impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Five Shillings*.

4. To *Jeremiah Eldredge*, Esq. for the Use of *Aaron Leaming* and *Eli Eldredge*, Commissioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Cape-May*, for his Expence and Trouble in taking *Nine Hundred and One Pounds*, Loan-Office Money, to the Treasury, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

5. To *John Buck*, Esq. one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Cumberland*, for his Trouble and Expence in Paying *Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds*, Loan-Office Money, into the Treasury, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

6. To *Roeloff Sebring*, Esq. for the Use of *Garret Voorhees*, for one Gun impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

7. To *John Bowman*, for a Gun impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Six Pounds*.

8. To *Isaac Woodruff*, Esq. for One Thousand and Twenty-four Pounds of Lead, and Sundries, the Sum of *Twenty-six Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

9. To the said *Isaac Woodruff*, for Expences and Service as Barrack-master, the Sum of *Twenty-two Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Ten-pence*.

10. To *Thomas Houghton*, for a Gun lost in the five Months Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Eight Shillings*.

11. To *Silas Condict*, Esq. for the Use of *Boyse Prudden*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds*.

12. To *William Hogeland*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds*.

13. To *James Patton*, for a Gun lost in the Service; the Sum of *Three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*.

14. To *Jonathan Jenkins*, Esq. for conducting the nine Months Men raised in *Cape-May*, to Camp, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*.

15. To *Thomas Blanch*, Esq. for the Use of *Martin Powellson*, for a Gun and Accoutrements impressed and lost in the Service, the 16th of May, 1779, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.

16. To *Moses Estey*, jun. for a Gun and Bayonet impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*.

17. To *James Wright*, for his Time and Expences in conducting the nine Months Men, from *Salem* to Camp, the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

18. To *Thomas Blanch*, Esq. for the Use of *Abraham Ackerman*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds*.

19. To *Jeremiah Manning*, Esq. for the Use of several Persons on whom

whom continental Soldiers were quartered, the Sum of *Forty-nine Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

20. To *Ernestus Van Harlingen*, Esq. an Account due to sundry Persons therein named, for Quarters and Stable-Room for Colonel *Baylor's* Regiment of Light-Horse, the Sum of *Seventy-nine Pounds, Five Shillings*.

✓ 21. To *Samuel Horro*, for Expence and Service as Barrackmaster, the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds and Seven-pence*.

22. To *John Cooper*, Esq. for Attendance in Committee of publick Accounts, from the 12th of *January* to the 6th of *April* last, the Sum of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*.

✓ 23. To *Hendrick Smock*, Esq. for the Use of *Benjamin Covenhoven*, for one Gun impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Six Pounds*.

SILAS CONDUCT,
THOMAS FENIMORE.

The House having considered the said Report,
Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed and empowered to pay to the several Persons therein named, the Sums allowed to them respectively.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

An Amendment was moved to the 4th Section of the said Bill, ' That the Meeting of the Committee of each County, for regulating the Prices within the same, be deferred to the 23d Day of *August*.'

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,
Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .
Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,			
Mr. <i>Drake</i> .			

On the Question, Whether the 4th Section of the said Bill do pass?
It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>Manning</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,		Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Drake</i> .

On the 5th Section an Amendment was moved, ' That the Prohibition to remove Provisions, &c. out of the State, be deferred to the 1st of *September* next.'

On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> .
Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,			
Mr. <i>Drake</i> .			

On the Question, Whether the 5th Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Brookfield</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Otto</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>MacCullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,			Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Drake</i> .

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be deferred.

Mr. Speaker and the House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

WHEREAS this House, in Compliance with the Voices of their Constituents, and the Dictates of their own Consciences, did, on the 10th Inst. appoint a Committee to join with a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Propriety and Necessity of a Representation to Congress on the Subject of the Depreciation of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Congress of the United States, and the Expediency of a Regulation and Limitation of Prices throughout the United States: And whereas the Council have declined to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, because a Bill, for reducing the high Prices of Provisions, passed by Council; and now pending in this House, hath not yet, through Want of Time, been finally determined on by this House: Therefore, deeply impressed with the Necessity of the Measure, and in Discharge of their Duty to their Constituents and themselves, it is resolved that the following Representation be forwarded to Congress on Behalf of the State.

TO THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of New-Jersey, on Behalf of the said State,

Sheweth,

THAT amidst the promising Prospects of a happy Issue of the present War, and of the Establishment of the Freedom and Independence of the United States sovereign and uncontrouled, we feel the most painful Anxieties from the State of the continental Finance, which threatens not only Embarrassment and Confusion to the publick Measures, but even in some Respects Destruction to our best Hopes.

In a Crisis so alarming it becomes Freeman not to consume the Occasion in unavailing Murmurings and Complaints, whatever just Reasons they may have, but to interest themselves in devising Means to remedy the publick Grievances, and avert the Dangers which impend; we mean not therefore to detain upon the Causes to which the great and growing Depreciation of the Bills of Credit of the United States is to be ascribed, but to express our Sense of the Necessity of immediately checking the increasing Mischief, and of restoring and fixing the publick Credit, and humbly to offer our Ideas on the most adviseable Measures for effecting these essential Purposes. If we measure for a Year to come from the Events of a few Months past, the Conviction is unavoidable, that Prices and publick Debts will rise above the Reach of common Computation, or rather perhaps that the Currency will cease to circulate, the Chain which holds the publick Movements together be dissolved, and the Bills sink in the Hands of such as unfortunately hold them at the Period of Failure;

Failure; or should this not be the Case, the Community must be greatly oppressed in redeeming a Medium disproportionately, and in too many Instances, from Appearances, unjustly distributed among the Members of it.

To avoid Consequences so disastrous, and not less certain, it is our earnest Request that, if possible, a Stop be put to further Emissions of Paper Money, and that, as far as Prudence will justify, a publick Declaration be made to this Effect, for the Assurance of the People; this, we conceive, would lay some Controul on the Depreciation as far as the Value of the Money is concerned, and would have a like good Effect upon the Credit.

Publick Loans are precarious, would probably be Inadequate, and are at best but an unfavourable Way of raising Supplies, but may be necessary at this Time, and if placed on such a Footing as to command, in the present Exigency, considerable Sums, even at a large Premium, may have a beneficial Effect, being preferable to Emissions in Addition to the Quantity of circulating Cash.

Taxation we beg Leave to consider as the most natural and advantageous Source from which to derive the Means of detraying the current Expences, and Taxes will be paid in this State with the utmost Chearfulness if Prices can be checked and confined to any moderate Standard, and the publick Departments regulated by a System which will prevent them from creating Expence for the Sake of paying it.

In Addition to the above, and which we must hope would give Efficacy and Success to the Whole, we cannot help urging the Expediency and even Necessity of a Limitation of Prices throughout the United States, and as comprehensive as the Nature of the Case will possibly admit: The Conjuncture is favourable. We wish Congress to form and recommend the Plan, accompanied with other publick Measures, which ought to accompany it, as well as it them, it cannot fail of essential Service: It will scarcely be practically opposed by any, those excepted whose private Interests are inconsistent with the Publick, and militate against them; and whatever speculative Reasoners may pretend to deduce in Theory, there are Conjunctures in the State of Government when such Measures are practicable and necessary. We conceive the present to be one: We are far from withing the Prices should be carried down from this present Tenor at once, or in a precipitate Gradation, but rather that they slowly diminish at stated Periods, and at small Differences, until the Quantity of Money be reduced by Taxation to what is necessary for a circulating Medium. In this Way we would hope a necessary Degree of Trade might still be secured, and Speculation, Monopoly, Engrossing, Sharping and Extortion, with others the numerous Evils of that Class, would be effectually corrected and prevented. That the Execution of such a Measure will be attended with much Labour and Difficulty is not denied, but that its Advantages over every other Means of Relief in the present Exigency will more than counterbalance the Difficulties attending it, is clearly contended.

We earnestly entreat Congress will take the Premises into their deliberate Consideration, and, in such Way as they may deem expedient and adequate, provide for the publick Security; in promoting which, this State will ever deem it their incumbent Duty to exert themselves to the Utmost.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Chambers* wait on the Council with the said Resolution and Representation, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *Chambers* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Whereas many and great Complaints are daily made against sundry Officers and others employed in the Commissary, Quartermaster, Hospital and other publick Departments of the United States, and great Uneasiness subsists among the People, respecting their Conduct, and the Application of the publick Money.

And whereas it is essentially necessary, that proper Measures be devised, both to do Justice to the Community, by punishing and preventing, as far as possible, every Practice which has a Tendency to encrease the publick Burdens, and also to rescue the faithful Servants of the Publick from that indiscriminating Censure, which the bad and unworthy bring upon all.

And whereas no adequate Means have been hitherto adopted for examining and ascertaining Charges made against Delinquents of the above Description, there being no ready and available Mode of collecting Evidence, and laying the same before proper Authority, where the accused may be heard, and punished or acquitted as his Conduct, on proper Examination, may be found to deserve:

Resolved, therefore,

That the Members of the Council and Assembly in the several Counties, diligently enquire into the Conduct of all Officers and others employed as aforesaid; that they collect all such authentic Evidences and Documents as they may be able to procure on that Behalf; and that they transmit the same to Congress, or to such Board or Committee as may by them be vested with due Power, or to the Executive Authority of the State, in Cases where the same may be competent, in order that strict Justice may be done to all concerned.

Resolved,

That it be earnestly recommended to the several Justices of the Peace, throughout the State, to take and authenticate all such Evidence as may be offered them, or which they may be able to obtain, respecting the Conduct of the Officers and others employed as aforesaid, and transmit the same to the Members of the Legislature, for the above Purpose.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Resolutions to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Foster* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee of Accounts, appointed by Law, reported:

✓ **T**HAT the Committee have examined the Accounts of *Moore Furman*, Esquire, as Paymaster of the nine Months Recruits, for the County of *Hunterdon*, with the Vouchers for supporting the same, and find a Balance of *Six Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ten-pence, Half-penny*, due from the State to the Accountant.

✓ That they have examined the Account of *David Thompson*, Esquire, as Paymaster for the nine Months Recruits, for the County of *Morris*, with the Vouchers produced in Support of the same, and find a Balance amounting

amounting to *Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds, Seven Shillings and Three Farthings*, due from the State to the said *David Thompson*.

That they have examined the Account of *William Garrison*, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing for the County of *Salem*, with the Vouchers, and find a Balance of *Fourteen Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence*, due from the State to the said *William Garrison*.

SILAS CONDUCT,
WM. CH. HOUSTON,
JAMES MOTT, jun.

To which Report the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the several Persons above-named, the Balance of their respective Accounts, agreeably to the above Report.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Cripps* wait on the Council with the above Resolution, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Sebring* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Condict*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Hugg* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Neste*.

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Blanch*, relative to the Report of the Committee appointed to examine such publick Accounts, as should be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legislature;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to *Moore Furman*, Esquire, the Sum of *Six Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ten-pence, Half-penny*: To *David Thompson*, Esquire, the Sum of *One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds, Seven Shillings and Three Farthings*; and to *William Garrison*, the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence*:

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, is passed by this House, without Amendment.

Whereas in Pursuance of the Direction of a Law of this State, *Enos Kelley*, Esquire, is appointed to purchase and forward, from Time to Time, certain Articles for the better Subsistence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States; and it being necessary he should be immediately supplied with a Sum of Money sufficient to enable him to answer the good Purposes of his Appointment;

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said *Enos Kelsey*, for that Purpose, any Sum not exceeding *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, out of any publick Monies, which may be in his Hands, taking his Receipt for the same; which Receipt shall be his sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Manning* wait on the Council with the above Resolution, for Concurrence.

A Message from Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Regulating, Training and Arraying of the Militia*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Manning* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*.

Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779.

THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day by Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Manning*, relative to authorizing *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasury *Thirty Thousand Pounds*;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Harris*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, June 12, 1779—10 o'Clock, P. M.

THAT Mr. *Harris* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Representation to Congress, sent to this House this Evening, is esteemed of so much Importance that they cannot with Propriety go into the Consideration of it before *Monday Morning*, when it will be the first Business the Council will take up.

The House adjourned to meet at *Trenton* on *Wednesday* the fifteenth of *September* next, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of *New-Jersey*, I do hereby appoint *Isaac Collins*, of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

CALEB CAMP, Speaker.

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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 27th Day of *October*, 1778,
and continued by Adjournments.

and last
BEING THE THIRD SITTING OF THE THIRD ASSEMBLY.

T R E N T O N:

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<i>Bergen,</i>	The Honourable	Robert Morris,	Esquires.
<i>Essex,</i>		Abraham Clark,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Jonathan Deare,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Joseph Holmes,	
<i>Somerset,</i>			
<i>Burlington,</i>		Peter Tallman,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		John Cooper,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Andrew Sinnickson,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>			
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		John Stevens, <i>Vice-President,</i>	
<i>Morris,</i>		Silas Condict,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Ephraim Harris,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Robert Ogden,	

MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>	{	Joost Beam,	{	Esquires.
	{	Peter Wilton,	{	
	{	Thomas Blanch,	{	
<i>Essex,</i>	{	Caleb Camp, <i>Speaker,</i>	{	Esquires.
	{	Jacob Brookfield,	{	
	{	Isaac Woodruff,	{	
<i>Middlesex,</i>	{	Benjamin Manning,	{	Esquires.
	{	Jacob Schenck,	{	
	{	Ebenezer Ford,	{	
<i>Monmouth,</i>	{	James Mott, jun.	{	Esquires.
	{	Peter Schenck,	{	
	{	Hendrick Smock,	{	
<i>Somerset,</i>	{	Roeloff Sebring,	{	Esquires.
	{	David Kirkpatrick,	{	
	{	Edward Bunn,	{	
<i>Burlington,</i>	{	Thomas Fenimore,	{	Esquires.
	{	Caleb Shreve,	{	
	{	Josiah Foster,	{	
<i>Gloucester,</i>	{	Elijah Clark,	{	Esquires.
	{	Bodo Otto, jun.	{	
	{	Samuel Hugg,	{	
<i>Salem,</i>	{	Whitten Cripps,	{	Esquires.
	{	Allen Congleton, jun.	{	
	{	John Mayhew,	{	
<i>Cape-May,</i>	{	Jeremiah Eldredge,	{	Esquires.
	{	John Hand,	{	
	{	Richard Townsend,	{	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	{	Nehemiah Dunham,	{	Esquires.
	{	David Chambers,	{	
	{	Benjamin Van-Cleve,	{	
<i>Morris,</i>	{	Jacob Drake,	{	Esquires.
	{	Abraham Kitchel,	{	
	{	David Thomson,	{	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	{	John Buck,	{	Esquires.
	{	Jonathan Bowen,	{	
	{	James Ewing,	{	
<i>Suffex,</i>	{	Caspar Shaffer,	{	Esquires.
	{	Jacob Mac-Collum,	{	
	{	Benjamin Mac-Cullough,	{	



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TRENTON, Wednesday, September 15, 1779.

PURSUANT to Adjournment from the last Sitting, the Speaker and sundry Members met; and, not being a Quorum to proceed on Business, adjourned till To-morrow Morning, ten of the Clock.

Thursday, September 16, 1779.

The Members in Town met pursuant to Adjournment; and, not being a Quorum, adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Resolved,

That Mr. *Ewing* be requested to officiate as Clerk for the Time, until a Clerk shall be appointed, and attend.

Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, returned a Representative of the County of *Hunterdon*, and *Edward Bunn*, Esquire, returned a Representative of the County of *Somerset*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Shreve* wait on the Council, and inform them, that a Quorum of the Members of the Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that Mr. *Shreve* and himself delivered the Message with

with them entrusted, to Mr. *Condict*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, was read, accompanied with a Number of Resolves of Congress, and sundry other Papers, which were ordered to be read, and are as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. A Resolution of Congress of the 6th of *March* last, relative to the Contract of Congress by Appeal in the last Resort over all Jurisdictions for deciding the Legality of Captures on the High Seas. And,

No. 2. A Resolution of Congress of the 22d of *May* last, ordering the above Resolve to be transmitted immediately to the several States.

Whereupon,

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

Ordered,

That the further Reading of the said Papers be postponed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, September 16, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that this House have made a Board, and are ready to proceed to Business.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Friday, September 17, 1779.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Clark* be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report such Business as remains unfinished, or referred to this Sitting.

Whereas it appears by Information from *John Denton*, that sundry small Articles are necessary for the Use of the Artillery belonging to this State, to fit them for Service, which he is not authorized to purchase by the Resolutions of the Legislature, empowering him to purchase Ammunition,

Resolved,

That the said *John Denton* be directed to purchase a sufficient Quantity of primed Tubes, Canisters, Portfires, Matchrope, &c. for the Use of the Artillery belonging to this State, and deliver them in suitable Proportions into the State Magazines at *Princeton* and *Morrisstown*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Drake* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Petition of *David Smalley* and *Isaac Moore* was presented and read, setting forth, that they purchased a certain Messuage and Tenement, situate in the County of *Somerset*, from *Joseph Morfe*, jun. and paid Part of the Purchase-Money; that a few Days afterwards the said *Joseph Morfe* died suddenly, not having executed Deeds according to Bargain; that his Executors do not look on themselves authorized to execute Conveyances for the same, it not being mentioned in the Will of the said Deceased, which was made some Time ago, and praying Relief in the Premises;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the same be referred for further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Papers accompanying the Governor's Message of Yesterday, as follows, *viz.*

No. 3. **A** Resolution of Congress of the 22d of *May* last, for considering Officers exchanged, and not in Service, as supernumerary.

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

No. 4. A Resolution of Congress of the 14th of *June* last, authorizing the Quartermaster-General to allow for a Waggon, Driver and four Horses, *Thirteen Dollars and one Third* per Day.

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

No. 5. A Resolution of Congress of the 14th of *June* last, recommending it to the Legislatures of the several States to pass Laws exempting Waggon Drivers from Militia Duty.

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

No. 6. A Resolution of Congress of the 22d of *June* last, recommending it to the Legislative and Executive Powers in the several States, to take the most effectual Measures to prevent plundering the Inhabitants of Places in Possession of the Enemy.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

No. 7. A Letter from Governor *Clinton* of *New-York*, of the 17th of *July* last, accompanying a Present from the State of *New-York* to that of *New-Jersey*, of Copies of all the Laws passed by the former under their present Government, and requesting a reciprocal Interchange.

Resolved,

That this House will comply with the Request contained in the above Letter, as far as may be in their Power.

No. 8. A Resolution of Congress of the 23th of *June* last, respecting the filling up vacant Offices in the Army.

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

No. 9. A Resolution of Congress of the 28th of *June* last, recommending the filling up the Battalions.

No. 10. A Resolution of Congress of the 23d of *July* last, recommending it to the several Legislatures to make Provision for the Preservation of the Buildings belonging to the United States, in their respective Jurisdictions.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

No. 11. A Letter from Monsieur De la *Fleudrie*, a Subject of His Most Christian Majesty, to Mr. *Holker*, the *French* Consul in *Philadelphia*, dated the 3d of *August* last, on the Subject of his having been obliged to pay certain Taxes in the County of *Cumberland*. And,

No. 12. The Translation of a Letter thereby occasioned from the Sieur *Gerard*, the Minister of *France*, to His Excellency the Governor, dated the 18th of *August* last. Together with

No. 13. A Copy of the Governor's Answer thereto.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the same be referred to further Consideration.

No. 14. A Resolution of Congress of the 14th of *August* last, recommending the filling up the Battalions.

Ordered,

That the same, together with No. 9, be filed.

No. 15. A Letter from the Board of War to the Clothier-General, respecting Cloathing for the Army. And,

No. 16. A Letter from Mr. *Wilkinson*, Clothier-General, to His Excellency the Governor, on the same Subject.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

Ordered,

That the further Reading of the said Papers be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Resolved,

That *Robert Robinson* be Doorkeeper to the House, during the present Sitting.

Mr. *Ford* reported, that Mr. *Drake* and himself delivered the Resolution with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ogden*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Isaac Halfey*, Paymaster of Militia for the Counties of *Effex* and *Middlesex*, applying for a large Sum of Money for the Payment of the Detachment of Militia embodied by Law, now lying within his District; in Support of his Applications informed the House, that eight Companies of the said Detachment were stationed within the Counties of *Effex* and *Middlesex*, besides Field and Staff-Officers, and Light-Horsemen:

Whereupon,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cripps*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Ewing*, be a Committee to draw up a Representation to the Governor and Privy Council, on the disproportionate Number of Men stationed in the Counties of *Effex* and *Middlesex*.

Resolved,

That *Isaac Halfey*, Paymaster to the Militia for the Counties of *Effex* and *Middlesex*, be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury of this State, the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* for paying the Militia of his District, under the same Directions, Restrictions and Allowances, as in and by a Resolution of this Legislature, of the 12th Day of *June* last.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* wait on the Council with the above Resolution, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from a large Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, was presented and read; praying the Legislature to take effectual Measures for appreciating the continental Currency, by Representations to Congress, and the Legislatures of the other States, by a Law for fixing or limiting the Prices of Labour, &c. and to prevent any Person (except those appointed to purchase for the Army) from purchasing live Stock and other Necessaries, except for his own Family's Use;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

A Petition from *George Van Nefle, Abraham Van Nefle, Jacob Ten Brook and Ryneer Staats*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *Abraham Van Nefle*, late of *Somerſet*, Esquire, deceased, had a Will drawn agreeably to his Direction, and read to, and approved by him in Presence of three Witnesses while of sound and disposing Mind and Memory; that he attempted to sign the same, but in the Attempt sunk down and expired; praying a Law to confirm said Will;

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the next Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. *J. Schenck*, Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Foster*, be a Committee to enquire what Laws have expired since the last Sitting, or are near expiring, and report to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Papers accompanying the Governor's Message of Yesterday, as follows, *viz.*

No. 17. A Resolution of Congress of the 17th of *August* last, recommending the further providing for the Officers and Soldiers, and for the Widows of such of them as have fallen or may fall in the Defence of their Country.

No. 18. A circular Letter from Mr. President *Jay*, enclosing the above Resolve.

Ordered,

That the above have a second Reading.

No. 19. A Letter from Gen. *Washington* to His Excellency the Governor, respecting the Cloathing of the Troops and further Provision for the Officers.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading at the same Time with No. 15 and 16.

No. 20. Two Resolves of Congress of the 21st and 25th of *August* last, on the Subject of an Embargo, and for taking off the Restraints on inland Trade.

Ordered,

That Mr. *P. Schenck*, Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Bunn*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeably to the Recommendation in the said Resolution.

No. 21. A Resolution of Congress of the 10th Instant, respecting the Cloathing of the Troops.

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time with No. 15, 16 and 19.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mayhew*, Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Chambers*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, September 18, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for laying an Embargo on Provisions, reported a Draught; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Governor was read, accompanying a Letter from Mr. *Wadsworth*, Commissary-General, to His Excellency General *Washington*, and another from General *Washington* to the Governor, on the urgent Necessity of an immediate Supply of Flour for the Army at and near *West-Point*; whereupon

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Dunham*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for procuring an immediate Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Pittsgrove*, in the County of *Salem*, was presented and read, praying a Law for amending their Roads by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Township;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose at the next Session, on advertising the same at least two Weeks before-hand in three of the most publick Places in the Township.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for furnishing the Army with a speedy Supply of Flour, reported a Draught; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provision from the State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent therein, was committed to Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Ford*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the same be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Council-Chamber, September 18, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Drake*, relative to empowering *John Denton* to purchase sundry small Articles for the Use of the Artillery of this State;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, relative to empowering *Isaac Halfey*, Paymaster to the Militia, to draw from the Treasury *Twenty Thousand Pounds*;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be recommitted to the same Committee, and that Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Smock* be added.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday,

Monday, September 20, 1779.

The House met.

A Memorial from *William Pennington*, a Lieutenant in Colonel *Lamb's* Regiment of Artillery, was presented and read, setting forth, that he is refused the Privilege of drawing Cloathing from the continental Store, being considered as an Inhabitant of *New-Jersey*, and entitled to the Gratuity and weekly Subsistence allowed to the Troops of this State, which he has not been able to obtain through a Want of the proper Returns being made.

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition of *Christiana Saunders* was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy, she was married to a certain *John Saunders*, who at that Time appeared to be of good Repute, since which he has proved himself to be a Man of loose Life and Conversation; that he has since married another Woman, as the Petitioner undertakes to prove; praying Leave to bring in a Bill to divorce her from her said Husband;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition of *John Vanmater*, of the County of *Monmouth*, in Behalf of his Nephew *Gilbert Vanmater*, was presented and read, setting forth, that several Negroes who had about twelve Years ago been given by *Daniel Vanmater* (now a Refugee in *New-York*) to his Son *Gilbert Vanmater* aforesaid, now about seventeen Years of Age, were by the Commissioners of said County seized and sold as the Property of the said *Daniel Vanmater*, praying Relief in the Premises; whereupon

Resolved,

That as far as appears to this House the Law is adequate to the Relief of the Petitioner.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*.

A Motion was made for an Amendment to the fifth Section by directing the Remainder of the Value of the Wheat seized, after deducting the Expences, to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor;

On the Question? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Mayberry,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Buck.	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum,
	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	

A Motion was made for leaving out the Clause directing the Commissioners to pay the Remainder of the Money as aforesaid to the Collector of the District, if the Owner through Scruples of Conscience refused to receive the same;

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On the Question, Whether the said Clause be left out? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Van-Cleve.	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Townsend,	

The House having gone through the Consideration of the said Bill,
Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Buck.
Mr. Woodruff,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Drake,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Shaffer,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Dunham,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Bunn do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Deare.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, September 20, 1779.

THAT Mr. Condict, Mr. Tallman and Mr. Ogden, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in Conference on the Subject of appreciating the continental Currency, and that they report to the House; that Mr. Vice-President be requested to assist at the said Conference; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. Britton on Saturday next at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that Mr. Deare wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

The House having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Clark, Mr. Mott, Mr. Sebring, Mr. Dunham and Mr. Shreve, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council on the Subject Matter of their Message of this Day, and that they report to this House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the Conference; and that Mr. Cripps and Mr. Townsend do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 21, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. Buck, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes and to report such Business as remains unfinished and referred to this Sitting, made the following Report:

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1. THE Petition of *Joseph King*, a wounded Soldier of *Morris County*; was referred for further Consideration.

2. The Petition of *Daniel Balltown*, of the County of *Morris*, late a Captain in the First *Jersey* Regiment, praying Relief over and above his Half-Pay, was ordered a second Reading.

3. The Petition of *Thomas Combs*, of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth his having been wounded in the Service, and praying Relief, was ordered a second Reading.

4. The Memorial of Lieutenant-Colonel *David Brearley*, was ordered a second Reading.

5. The Memorial of the Commissioners for forfeited Estates in the County of *Hunterdon*, was ordered a second Reading.

6. On a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Suffex County*, against the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, it was ordered, That *Mr. Shaffer*, *Mr. Mac Collum* and *Mr. Mac Cullough*, do enquire into the Complaints against the said Commissioners, and make Report to the House at this Sitting.

7. *Mr. Mott* and *Mr. Ezwing* were appointed a Committee to examine what Cloathing hath been furnished for the Use of the Army, in the Years 1776 and 1777, by any Persons appointed by this State, and to make report; which Committee hath not yet reported.

8. The Memorial of *Edmund Bainbridge*, was ordered a second Reading.

9. The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth, that they have been plundered by the Enemy, and praying Relief, was ordered a second Reading.

10. The Petition of *Joshua Stout*, was ordered a second Reading.

11. The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, praying an Act to incorporate said Town, was referred to this Sitting.

12. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money, taken by the Enemy*, having been read a second Time, was referred to this Sitting.

13. The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *Somerset County* in Favour of *Adam Smith*, was referred to this Sitting.

14. The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that they had suffered by the *American Army*, and praying Relief, was referred to this Sitting.

15. The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *Monmouth County*, setting forth, that they have suffered greatly by the Enemy when they marched through this State, and praying Relief, was referred for further Consideration.

16. The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for clearing and removing the several Obstructions of the free Course of the Waters in Passaick River, &c.* was referred to this Sitting.

17. The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, &c.* was ordered a second Reading.

18. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for suppressing the growing Evils of Horse-racing and Foxhunting*, was ordered a second Reading.

19. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Preservation of Deer and other Game*, was ordered a second Reading.

20. The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth the Loss of their Title Deeds by the Enemy,

and praying a Law for their Relief, was referred for further Consideration.

21. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines*, was committed to Mr. Sebring, Mr. Mott and Mr. Smock, who have not yet reported.

22. The Petition of *Jesse Hart*, was referred to this Sitting.

23. The Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Gueft, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was referred to this Sitting.

24. The Memorial from the County of *Salem*, against *William Miller, Robert Johnson* and *Thomas Norris*, Esquires, being read, a Hearing was ordered on the *Thursday* of the second Week of this Sitting.

25. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Price of Provisions and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was referred for further Consideration.

26. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

27. On the Report of the Committee appointed to examine into the Charges made against the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*, it was resolved, That this House would go into a further Examination of the same on the *Tuesday* of the second Week of this Sitting.

28. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Manufacture of Boulting-Cloths*, was referred to the last Sitting, and not taken up.

29. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Tide-Marsh and Swamp lying upon Manamuskung Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to erect a Dam and Water-Works across the said Creek sufficient to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*, was referred to this Sitting.

Mr. *Woodruff* reported, that Mr. *Bum* and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to draw up a Representation to the Governor and Privy-Council on the unequal Disposition of the Detachment of the Militia embodied by Law, reported a Draught; which was read, and agreed to as follows:

To His Excellency the GOVERNOR and the PRIVY-COUNCIL.
The REPRESENTATION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the
State of *New-Jersey*,

Sheweth,

THAT by the Act, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, it is directed "That the said Troops be stationed in just Proportion on the exposed Parts of the Frontiers, so as to afford the most beneficial and equal Protection to every Part thereof;" notwithstanding which, this House are informed that eight Companies of said Regiment are stationed in the Counties of *Effex* and *Middlesex*, seven of which are said to be in *Effex*, by which Means no more than three Companies are left for the Defence of the Counties of *Bergen* and *Monmouth*, the other Company being stationed in *Suffex*; that when the said Law passed, by the best Information this House could obtain, it appeared that the County of *Bergen* was more, and the County of *Monmouth* nearly as much exposed as the County of *Effex*; that although *Bergen* may have been in some Measure relieved by the Division of the Army under the Command of Lord *Stirling* being stationed in that County, yet the
County

County of *Monmouth* appears to be still equally exposed to the Depredations of the Enemy. This House are therefore of Opinion, that, unless some particular Reasons (unknown to this House) determine otherwise, a Number of the said Troops ought to be stationed in the County of *Monmouth*, at least nearly equal to that in the County of *Essex*: In order therefore to give Satisfaction to this House, and to their Constituents, they beg to be informed if any such Reasons do subsist, and if not, that the said Troops may be stationed agreeably to the Tenor of the said Law.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* do wait on His Excellency with the above Representation.

Mr. *Sebring* reported, that he had delivered the Representation with him entrusted, to His Excellency the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money, taken by the Enemy*, was read the second Time, and debated by Paragraphs;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Petition of *Joseph King*, was read the second Time; whereupon

Resolved,

That his Case is provided for by a Law passed at the last Sitting.

The Petition of Captain *Daniel Baldwin*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on the incidental Bill.

The Petition of Captain *Thomas Combs*, was read the second Time;

Resolved,

That his Case is provided for by a Law passed at the last Sitting.

The Memorial of Lieutenant-Colonel *David Brearley, jun.* and

The Memorial of the Commissioners of the County of *Hunterdon*, were read the second Time; whereupon

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House that the Commissioners ought to proceed to the Sale of *Daniel Coxe's* Right to the Lands in Question, according to Law.

The Petition of *Edmund Bainbridge*, was likewise read the second Time; whereupon

Resolved,

That the Law is sufficient in this Case.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Order of the Day being called for,

A Petition from the Commissioners of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that they are attending the House agreeable to Order, but that their Witnesses are not arrived, and praying that the Hearing may be deferred until To-morrow, and that they may be heard by Council; whereupon

Ordered,

That the Hearing be deferred until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That *David Forman, Denise Denise, Elisha Walton, Hendrick Covenhoven, Thomas Neiper, Peter Covenhoven, Son of William, Colonel John Covenhoven, David Rhea, Hugh Newel and Albert Covenhoven*, do attend this House To-morrow at three o'Clock, to testify the Truth of what they know concerning certain Charges exhibited to this House against *Samuel Forman, Joseph Lawrence, Jacob Wikoff and Kenneth Hankinson*, Commissioners for forfeited Estates in the County of Monmouth.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money, taken by the Enemy*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Bill to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Smock* reported, that Mr. *Blanch* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of Council, the Council not sitting.

The Petition of *Joshua Stout*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 22, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that they are unacquainted with the Nature of the Defence which they are to make, and that they have, at a very great Expence, brought Counsel from a Distance to manage their Cause, on which their Liberty, Property, and Reputation may depend, praying they may be admitted to be heard by Council; and likewise setting forth, that they have a great Number of Witnesses attending at a great Expence, and praying that they may be heard before a Joint-Meeting of the Council and Assembly, lest, after a Determination of this House, they should be obliged to keep their Witnesses until examined by the Council; whereupon

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to hear the Allegations, and take the Examination of the Witnesses of both Parties; that they be at Liberty to permit them to be heard by Council, and that they make a Report to this House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Examination; and that Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldridge* do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Bowen* reported, that Mr. *Eldridge* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Petition

A Petition from Colonel *John Seward*, of the County of *Suffex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that he hath purchased a Tract of Land from *Peter Tice*, and paid Part of the Purchase-Money; that said *Tice* hath since gone over to the Enemy, and is reported to be dead; that he hath never obtained a Title, agreeably to the Condition of a Bond given him for that Purpose; and praying a Law to vest the Title in him on paying the Remainder of the Purchase-Money;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

Council-Chamber, September 22, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldridge*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Deare* and Mr. *Tallman*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message, and that they make Report to the House; that the President be requested to assist at the Examination; that the said Committees meet at the *Methodist* Meeting-House immediately; and that Mr. *Ogden* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Committee withdrew to attend the Examination of the Witnesses respecting the Commissioners of the County of *Monmouth*; and the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday, September 23, 1779.

The House met.

Lewis Forman, being elected Clerk of the House, attended, and having taken the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, and also an Oath for the faithful Discharge of his Office, he took his Place as Clerk of the House.

The Committee withdrew to attend the Examination of the Witnesses respecting the Commissioners of the County of *Monmouth*; and the House adjourned till three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Committee withdrew to attend the Examination; and the House adjourned to six o'Clock.

The House met.

This being the Day appointed for the Hearing of the Evidences in Support of the Charges against *William Miller*, *Robert Johnson* and *Thomas Norris*, Esquires; and the said Evidences not attending, nor the Record of the Court of *Salem* being transmitted, by Reason of the Impracticability of obtaining them in Season for that Purpose, agreeably to the Order of this House of the 19th of *June* 1779;

Ordered,

That the Hearing be deferred for the present.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, September 24, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. J. Schenck, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired since the last Sitting or are near expiring, reported,

That the Act, intitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, will expire by its own Limitation at the End of this Session.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark, Mr. Van-Cleve and Mr. P. Schenck, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for continuing so much of the said Act as may be necessary.

Agreeably to Leave given, Mr. Speaker, in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented a Bill, intitled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Inhabitants of the Western Part of the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, as Trustees for the Community, by the Name of the Trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Edward Armaley, of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, was presented and read, setting forth, that in the Month of January, 1776, the said Petitioner purchased of George Howard, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, a certain Messuage and Tenement in Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, and paid a Part of the Purchase-Money, but never received a Title according to Agreement, and praying Relief, was read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, was presented and read, setting forth the Depreciation of the continental Currency, and requesting Application may be made to Congress to stop further Emissions; that Taxes be continued equal to the Expences of the War; and that Application be made to Congress to recommend a general Limitation and gradual Reduction of Prices;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, was presented and read, requesting that Application may be made to the Legislatures of the several States to enact Laws for the Purpose of regulating the Prices of Labour, Manufacture and Trade;

Ordered,

That the same be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the State in Favour of the Bill presented by Henry Gueß, was read and considered; whereupon

The Bill, intitled, *An Act granting unto Henry Gueß, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read the second Time and debated; and, after sundry Amendments thereunto made,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. Deare.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, September 24, 1779.

THAT Mr. Deare carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, with the Amendments made there-to by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concur-rence in the said Amendments.

Which Bill, with the Amendments, being read and considered ;

Resolved,

That this House do agree to all the Amendments made by the Council, except the first, second, sixth and eighth, in which Cases they adhere to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cripps and Mr. Townsend do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments, back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Saturday, September 25, 1779.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Guest, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Bum,	Mr. Chambers,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Shaffer,	
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Smock,	Mr. Eldridge,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Townsend,		
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Dunham,		

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Foster and Mr. P. Schenck do carry the said Bill to the Coun-til, for Concurrence.

The Petition of *Christiana Saunders*, praying a Divorce, was read the second Time ;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to introduce the Witnesses, in Support of the said Petition, on *Thursday* the 30th Instant.

Mr. Foster reported, that Mr. P. Schenck and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

Mr. Cripps reported, that Mr. Townsend and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

Council-Chamber, September 25, 1779.

THE House having taken into Consideration the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, with the Amendments ;

Resolved,

That the House recede from the first, second, sixth and eighth Amend-ments made by this House to the said Bill.

Whereupon

Whereupon

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, be re-engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake* have Leave of Absence till *Tuesday* three o'Clock.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Conference appointed on *Saturday* last, have Leave to withdraw; and then the House adjourned till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, September 27, 1779.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Congleton* reported, that Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted to Mr. *Tallman*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth the great Advantages arising to that County from Foxhunting, and praying that no Law may pass to prevent the Practice in that County;

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Reading of the Bill to suppress the growing Evils of Horseracing and Foxhunting.

✓ A Petition of *Richard Jones*, of *Burlington* County, who was wounded near *Bordentown* on the 8th of *May*, 1778, praying Relief, was presented and read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

✓ A Petition from *Jane Demarest*, of the County of *Bergen*, setting forth, that her Husband is gone to the Enemy, and praying that his Estate may descend to his Children, in Consideration of their extraordinary Exertions in the Service of their Country;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Wantage*, in the County of *Suffex*, was presented and read, setting forth, that *Solomon Cartwright*, of said Township, hath joined the Enemy; that his Estate hath been forfeited, and seized for the Use of the State; and that his Family are become a Township Charge, and praying Relief;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Mayhew*, from the Committee of Conference, appointed the 20th Instant, brought in a Report, which was read as follows, *viz.*

1st. **T**HAT, at the present critical Juncture, a Representation from the Legislature of this State ought to be made to the United States in Congress assembled, in the most pressing Terms, requesting and urging them to adopt and recommend to the several States they represent some general and equitable Plan for regulating, limiting and affixing the Prices of Labour, Country Produce, and Manufactures of all Kinds, either in general, by ascertaining the Number of Prices current at some past Period to be a Standard for the Future, or by particularizing at what Rates the most material and necessary Articles of Life shall be sold; and also the Profits to be made on all Articles to be imported, which we conceive, in Aid of Taxation, to be the most probable. if not the only possible Means effectually to stop the Depreciation of the Currency, and prevent the Evils thereby threatened.

To which the House agreed.

2d. That Circular Letters be sent from this, to the Legislatures of the several States in Union, to solicit them to use their utmost Influence with Congress to engage their Attention and secure their Exertions for the Purpose above-mentioned; and also requesting them to communicate to the Legislature of this State, their Sense and Determination on so important and interesting a Subject, and any Plan they have adopted or may adopt for the Purpose above suggested.

To which the House agreed.

3d. That a Law be enacted in this State to take Effect in some future Period, to be therein limited, or as soon as the adjacent States shall pass similar Laws for a general Regulation.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Negative.

4th. That a Law be passed to prevent Forestalling, Monopolizing and Engrossing of Live-stock, and all other Articles necessary for the Support of the Army.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Erwing*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Representation and Letter, agreeably to the above Report, and that Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Dunham* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mayhew*, Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Bowen*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill on the fourth Article of the foregoing Report.

The Petition from the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth their Losses by Persons who have joined the Enemy, and praying that Individuals who can prove their Damages against particular Persons, may have Restitution out of the forfeited Estates of such Persons, was read the second Time; and a Petition from the County of *Gloucester* on the same Subject was presented and read; on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the said Petitions be granted? It was carried in the Negative, as follows, *viz.*

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Z. Schenck,	Mr. Eldridge,	Mr. Shaffer,
Mr. Otto,	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum,
Mr. Buck.	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Chambers,	
	Mr. Sbreve,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	

Mr. *Brookfield* reported, that Mr. *Chambers* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Thomson* reported, that Mr. *Dunham* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Council-Chamber, September 27, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Dunham*, relative to appointing a Committee for drawing up a Representation to Congress,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Condict* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Britton*, at six o'Clock this Evening; and that Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, praying an Act to incorporate the said Town, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the said Petition be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 28, 1779.

The House met.

Three Petitions from the Freeholders and Freemen of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, was presented and read, praying a Confirmation of the Charter of Incorporation of the said Borough.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Memorial and Petition of the Justices of the Peace in the County of *Burlington*, in favour of Colonel *Thomas Reynolds*, now a Prisoner with the Enemy, was presented and read.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker be requested to write to the Commissary of Prisoners on the Subject.

A Petition from the Committee of the County of *Burlington*, and two Petitions

Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, were presented and read, setting forth the Danger they apprehend from the present Depreciation of the Continental Currency, and praying the Legislature will make a Representation to Congress on the Subject of a general Regulation of Prices.

Ordered,

That they be referred to the Committee appointed to draught a Representation to Congress on that Subject.

A Memorial from the County of *Gloucester*, and one from the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented and read, setting forth the Impropriety of the Exemption in the Act for embodying one Thousand of the Militia, &c.

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

A Petition of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and several Attornies, was presented and read, setting forth the Difficulty Suitors in said Court are often put to by the Courts being held in two different Places, and praying that the said Court may be fixed at some one Place, during the present Troubles.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the Committee on the Bill for continuing the Process and Proceedings of the said Court.

A Petition from *Samuel Ogden*, Lieutenant-Colonel of the first Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, in Behalf of the Detachment raised in said Battalion. by the Law for embodying one Thousand of the Militia, &c. was presented and read, praying Pay for their Baggage-Waggon.

Ordered,

That the same do lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon* was presented and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for building a Bridge over the South Branch of *Raritan*, at *Reading's Ford*, at the Expence of the County.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to present the Draught of a Bill for that Purpose to the next Session, on advertising such their Intention, at least three Weeks in the *New-Jersey Gazette*.

A Petition from *Jasper Smith*, one of the Overseers of the Roads in the Township of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, respecting repairing a certain Bridge in said Township, was presented and read, praying an Amendment to the Road Act.

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, in Favour of *Adam Smith*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth the Damages done by the *Pennsylvania* Forces, at the

the Time they built Fort *Mercer*, and praying Relief, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Otto* be a Committee to examine into the Facts in the said Petition set forth, and report to the next Session.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth, that great Damages were done to many of the Inhabitants of the said County by the Enemy, as they passed through the same, and praying Relief, was read the second Time,

Whereupon

Resolved,

That an Estimate be made of all the Damages done by the Ravages of the Enemy in this State during the War.

Resolved,

That this House will go into a Committee of the Whole To-morrow Afternoon, to devise Ways and Means for making such Estimate.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for clearing and removing the several Obstructions in the free Course of the Waters in Passaick River, &c.* was read a second Time,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be referred to the next Session.

Ordered,

That *Isaac Collins* be directed to strike off six Hundred Copies of the Act, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, to be distributed agreeably to the Direction of this House.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*, was read and considered; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, *Nem. Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Congleton* wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

Council-Chamber, September 28, 1779.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Cooper* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering certain Parts of the Main Road leading from Salem to Burlington, in the County of Gloucester*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 29, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that Mr. *Congleton* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Holmes*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*,
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was presented and read, setting forth the Impropriety of the Exemption in the Act for embodying One Thousand of the Militia, &c.

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

Agreeably to Leave given, the Petitioners presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to maintain and establish the Milldam erected by Charles Suydam, on the North Side of Raritan River, near Raritan Landing, in the County of Middlesex*, which was read; likewise,

A Memorial and Remonstrance signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants on each Side of *Raritan River*, was presented and read, setting forth the great Disadvantages arising from the said Dam, and praying that the said Bill may not pass into a Law;

Whereupon,

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Memorial be referred to the next Session, to be taken up together.

The GOVERNOR's Answer to the Representation of the General Assembly, directed to the Governor and Privy-Council, and dated the 21st Instant, *September*.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Privy-Council has had no Agency relative to the State Regiment, except in the three following Instances;

1st. That of allotting it to the Counties of *Bergen, Essex, Middlesex* and *Monmouth*, in the following Proportions, viz. to *Bergen*, Two Hundred and Fifty-five Men; to the *Essex* Post, Four Hundred and Forty-five Men; and, to *Monmouth* Three Hundred Men.

2d. Of directing the Quota raised by the County of *Suffex*, to be stationed in that County; and,

3d. Of appointing Lieutenant-Colonel *Taylor* (after Colonel *Neilson* and Colonel *Frelinghuysen* had been successively appointed, and had both refused to accept the Command) as an Assistant to Colonel *Frelinghuysen*, from the additional Duties attending the Post at *Elizabeth-Town*, on Account of the Flags, and his being obliged to visit the other Posts, as Commandant of the whole Regiment, which Appointment was made from the critical Exigency of Affairs, and in Confidence that the Legislature would at their present Sitting, provide for his Pay and Allowance as a Lieutenant-Colonel, and if not, those Officers were to be at Liberty to retire; and which has eventually appeared to be a fortunate Measure, as Colonel *Frelinghuysen* has not, by Reason of his ill State of Health, been able to take the Command.

That eight Companies of the Regiment are stationed in the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*, and seven of those Companies in *Essex*, as mentioned in the Representation of the Honourable House, is neither in Consequence of any Order from the Governor, nor did ever come to his Knowledge till he received the said Representation; and which, if true, and unless the said Companies are particularly deficient in their Number of Men, or particularly likely, appears to him as unequal a Distribution as it doth to the Honourable House; and for their Satisfaction therein, he will either write to the commanding Officer on the Subject or (if the House prefers that Mode of Enquiry) will order him to attend at this Place, for the fuller Explanation of his Conduct, which, from Colonel *Taylor*'s known Character for Prudence and Impartiality, the Governor has Reason to think will meet with their Approbation.—In the

mean Time the Governor will be ready to produce Copies of all his Letters to the Officers at the different Posts, and their Letters to him, relative to the State Regiment, to a Committee of the House, whenever the Assembly shall think proper to appoint one for that Purpose.

Trenton, September 23, 1779.

WIL. LIVINGSTON.

Privy-Council, September 27th, 1779.

His Excellency the Governor having laid the Representation of the Honourable House of Assembly relative to the stationing the State Regiment before the Board, the Council advised His Excellency to answer it, which he accordingly did, and the Board do now agree to the above Answer, as far as respects themselves.

By Order of Council,

BOWES REED, *Secretary.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Ewing* be a Committee to draught a Reply to the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Inhabitants of the Western Part of the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, as Trustees for the Community, by the Name of The Trustees of the second Presbyterian Church in Newark,* was read the second Time;

Whereupon a Question arose on the Necessity of going into such a Law, as it was alledged that the Governor, with the Advice of the Privy-Council, had granted a Charter of Incorporation in one Instance; in Support of which, Mr. *Bowen* produced to the House a certain Instrument of Writing, purporting to be a Charter of Incorporation of the *First-day Baptist Church*, in the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, bearing Date the 18th Day of *March*, 1778, signed by *William Livingston*, Esquire, then Governor, with the Great Seal of the State thereunto affixed, granting certain Privileges and Immunities unto the said Church; which Writing being read, after due Deliberation thereon,

Resolved unanimously,

That the said Charter or Instrument of Writing is not warranted by Law, and therefore void.

Resolved unanimously,

That the Power of granting Patents and Charters of Incorporation, under the present Constitution, is vested solely in the Legislature of the State.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *P. Schenck* do wait on the Council with the above Resolutions, and request their Concurrence therein.

Ordered,

That the debating of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson* reported, that Mr. *P. Schenck* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Cooper*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to devise Ways and Means for making a proper Estimate of the Damages done by the Enemy, as well as by the
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American Army in the several Parts of the State; and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clark*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and requested Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Thursday, September 30, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Representation to Congress; and likewise of a Circular Letter to the Legislatures of the neighbouring States, which was read as follows:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of NEW-JERSEY, in Behalf of the said STATE,

Sheweth,

THAT, amidst the promising Prospects of an happy Issue of the present War, and of the Establishment of the glorious Freedom and Independence of these United States, we feel the most painful Anxieties from the State of the Continental Finances, which threatens not only Embarrassment but Ruin to the publick Measures.

In a Crisis so alarming, it becomes Freemen not to consume their Time in unavailing Murmurings and Complaints, but to interest themselves in devising Means to remedy the Grievance, and if possible avert the impending Mischiefs: We do not mean to detain Congress upon the Causes to which the great and growing Depreciation of our Paper Currency is to be ascribed, but to express our Sense of the Necessity of immediately adopting Measures to check the increasing Evil, and for restoring and rendering permanent the publick Credit.

If we calculate for a Year to come, from the Events of a few Months past, the Increase of Prices and publick Debts must appear truly alarming; the latter perhaps will exceed the Reach of common Computation, and the former rise to the utter Destruction of our Paper Currency.—The Money ceasing to circulate, and perishing in the Hands of the unfortunate Possessors, all Business must necessarily stagnate for Want of a circulating Medium, and the inevitable Ruin of Multitudes, if not of these United States, take Place. To avoid Evils so truly deplorable, we conceive that every possible Exertion ought to be made; and that Nothing short of a Regulation of Prices generally adopted, and effectually carried into Execution, will prove sufficient.

As to the Impracticability of this Measure, so much urged by Speculators, Monopolizers, and others, whose Minds are vitiated and poisoned by similar Views of unreasonable Gain, and those who wish to ruin our Money, in order to conquer us in that Way, it has not the smallest Degree of Weight with us; because we are very clear that it does not exist. If the Measure is practicable in one State, it is also in another, and of Course may be carried through the Union; and that it is practicable in one State we are sure, because it has been adopted and carried into Execution in the State we have the Honour to represent; and indeed we most sincerely

cerely lament the Part some of the other States acted on this very interesting and important Occasion ; had they come into the Regulation when this State did, and persevered in it as faithfully as this State would have done, our Affairs would probably have worn a very different Aspect from what they now do, and the Debt with which we are saddled, not have exceeded one tenth Part of what it is.

If then all other Measures, however wise and salutary, will prove insufficient to work the Salvation of our Currency, without a Regulation of Prices to compel the disaffected and avaricious to conform to what is equitable and consistent with the publick Safety, and if this Regulation, in order to answer the End proposed, should be general and uniform, we conceive that in order to be so, it ought to originate with Congress, and be thence diffused through the Union. Was it to take its Rise in any other Quarter, its being either general or uniform could hardly be expected : If your Honourable Body take the Matter up and form a general System or Plan of Regulation, and recommend it to the several States, in Terms as forcible as the Necessity of the Case will bear, we have the most pleasing Apprehensions that it will, without Delay, take Place in the fullest and amplest Manner.

It is impossible indeed for us to entertain so unfavourable an Opinion of the Justice or publick Virtue of our Sister-States, as to doubt their Compliance ; for although artful designing Men may raise plausible Objections against any Measure, however wise or essential to the publick Safety it may be, and indeed are accustomed so to do, whenever a Measure is proposed that happens to thwart their or their Connections, Views of Interest or Ambition, yet the Necessity of this we now propose, is so obvious and exceedingly pressing, that if Congress should put it in the Line of Success we have mentioned, we think no State, or even Individual (not greatly deficient in publick Virtue and common Honesty) can think of opposing it.

It may however be objected, in order to prevent its being taken up, that as several of the States refused or rather declined to regulate under a former Recommendation of Congress, it is not supposed that they will now come into the Measure : But this Objection we presume will appear to have but very little Weight when it is considered, that, at the Time when that Recommendation went forth, the Necessity of a Regulation did not appear one thousandth Part as evident and pressing as it now does. Multitudes who were then strenuously opposed to the Measure, are now as anxious to see it take Place. They are convinced that Taxation, during the Continuance of the War, without a Regulation of Prices, will be more likely to increase than diminish the Disease we complain of. Every Vender, say they, will raise upon the Articles he has for Sale, in order the better to enable him to pay his Tax, and thus Prices will go on rising, our Money depreciating, and our Debt increasing, until we become a ruined and a wretched People.

With Regard to the Mode of regulating, we would beg Leave to observe, that if Prices should be fixed at any certain Standard, not to descend, we fear it will answer no very valuable Purpose.

Those who would wish to break through the Regulation will only need to withhold what they have for Sale, and the Business will be done, the Scarcity will soon compel the Publick to yield to their Avarice ; nor will they run any Risk of Loss in withholding, the Chance will be altogether in their Favour : But if Prices are reduced by moderate and regular Gradations, and at certain short Periods, the Case will be different ; this

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will operate like a falling Market, it will induce People to exhibit what they have to spare, in order to avoid the Loss that must necessarily attend a contrary Conduct, and perhaps to take less than even the regulated Prices, thereby to quicken the Sale of their Goods: Thus will many Articles become plenty that now appear scarce, our Money daily appreciate, and our Expences diminish, until the publick Credit is again restored, and our Affairs fixed upon a safe and permanent Footing.

Farmers, and every other Order of Men will exert themselves to get Something to sell, because they will expect to receive Something for it of Value.

Having thus set forth some of our Ideas and Apprehensions, respecting the present State of our Money, and what we conceive is further to be expected, unless Something spirited is done to check the current of Depreciation; we shall now conclude with intreating Congress once more to take the Matter up, and use their utmost Endeavours to set on Foot, and extend through the Union, a general Regulation of Prices.

(Circular)

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of

GENTLEMEN,

THE Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the State of *New-Jersey*, beg Leave to congratulate you on being so far advanced in the fourth Year of our Independence, on the many Successes of the present Campaign, and the glorious Prospect we now have of putting a speedy and happy End to the present distressing and unnatural War, and of settling our Liberty and Independence on a firm and lasting Basis. Nothing seems to be now wanting to effect this, but Virtue among ourselves. We are sorry to be obliged to observe, that amongst all those flattering Prospects, Ruin seems to be rushing down upon us from another, from a once unsuspected Quarter.

The amazing Depreciation of the Continental Money, for a Year past, is truly astonishing, and threatens us with inevitable Destruction, if a speedy Stop be not put to its rapid Progress; for it is a Truth too self-evident for Infidelity itself to doubt, that if the Depreciation should continue in the same Proportion but a little longer, our national Debt will exceed all Computation, and what is perhaps yet worse, the Money will cease to circulate, and our Army must either be disbanded, or reduced to the Necessity of carving out their own Subsistence: In either Case Consequences must ensue, which make us shudder but to think of.

Many are the Schemes proposed for preventing so fatal a Catastrophe; publick Loans, Taxation, and a general Regulation and Limitation of Prices, we look upon as the most likely to have the desired Effect: Loans may prove a useful temporary Expedient to supply the present Exigencies; Taxation is in its Nature slow, and its Effects require Time to be sufficiently felt; in Aid of which, we would therefore propose a general Regulation and Limitation of the Prices to be taken for every Kind and Article of Labour, Manufacture and Trade, either by ascertaining the Number of Prices current at some past Period, to be a Standard for the Future, or by particularizing at what Rates the most material and necessary Articles of Life shall be sold; and also the Profits to be made on all Articles imported. This we conceive to be the only immediate and safe Method of stopping that Torrent, which threatens shortly to overwhelm us. Many and great Struggles have, at different

Times, been made in various Parts of the Union to effect this desirable Purpose, all of which being partial, have fallen short of the End proposed, which, we conceive, they must ever do, unless the Matter becomes general throughout the States; to accomplish which we have represented the Utility, the Urgency, and even the Necessity of the Measure, to Congress, requesting them to adopt, and recommend to the several States they represent, some general and equitable Plan for that Purpose; hoping, that if you see the Matter in the same Light in which we view it, you will join with us in a similar Representation; and that you will communicate to the Legislature of this State, your Sense and Determination on so important a Subject; and likewise any Plan which you may have adopted, or shall adopt for so salutary a Purpose.

If an Application to Congress should not appear to you eligible, or when made, should not have the desired Effect, we stand ready to join with you in any other Measure, which may be adequate to the End proposed.

We wish you to communicate to us, as soon as possible, your Sentiments, and may expect at all Times to find the same Readiness in,

GENTLEMEN,

Your assured Friends.

P. S. Our annual Election is on the second *Tuesday* in *October*, and the Legislature meets here on the fourth.

Ordered,

That the Consideration of the said Representation and Letter be postponed.

A Memorial of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, was presented and read, praying the Legislature to go into a Representation to Congress on the Subject of a general Regulation of Prices.

Ordered,

That the same be filed.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to continue the Act, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State*, &c. reported a Draught, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, September 30, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting of the same, and other Bills of Credit*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, September 30, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, one of the*

the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money taken by the Enemy, is passed by this House without any Amendment.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Allegations of the Petitioners against the Commissioners for taking Charge of the forfeited Estates, in the County of *Monmouth*, as well as the Defence of the said Commissioners, and to take the Examination of the Witnesses on each Side, reported,

THAT having met agreeably to Appointment, and examined the Witnesses, and heard the Allegations of both Parties, it appears to your Committee,

1st. That the said Commissioners did not advertise certain Lands by them sold, one Month in the *New-Jersey Gazette*, before the Day of Sale.

2d. That the said Commissioners did not in their Advertisements particularly describe the Premises to be sold.

3d. That the said Commissioners sold at *Middletown* fourteen Plantations or Tracts of Land, not only on a stormy Day, when but few People could be expected to attend, but by an early Hour in the Afternoon, and some of them greatly under their saleable Value, though they might agreeable to their own Advertisements, have continued the Sales from Day to Day, and thereby perhaps have greatly promoted the Interest of the State.

4th. That the said Commissioners pretended to sell by the Watch or Minute, though in some Instances they took Bids and struck off Lands after the Expiration of the Time limited ; yet in other Cases, the Lands were struck off and the Sales declared while the People were bidding very fast.

5th. That the said Commissioners sold sundry Articles to a very considerable Amount, without shewing the same to the Purchasers, that they might judge of their Value.

6th. That the said Commissioners sold the Personal Estates of several Persons in a Lump, without letting the People know the Particulars of which they consisted ; the Impropriety or Illegality of all which Conduct we beg Leave to submit to the House for their Consideration and Determination thereon.

The House having taken into Consideration the said Report, and the Depositions taken by the Committee having been previously read ;

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. J. Schenck,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Maybaw,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Shaffer,	
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	

Whereupon,

Resolved,

That *Samuel Forman*, *Kenneth Hankenson* and *Joseph Lawrence*, Commissioners appointed for taking Charge of and selling the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, having abused the Trust reposed in them, to the great Injury of the State, ought to be discharged from their Appointment ;

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On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolve? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Beam,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Drake,	Mr. Smock,
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Buck,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Eldridge,	Mr. Mac Collum,	
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Dunham,		

Ordered,

That Mr. Bowen, Mr. Chambers and Mr. Drake, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for discharging the said Commissioners.

Mr. Chambers, in Behalf of the Petitioner, agreeably to Leave given, presented a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Joshua Stout, the Purchaser of a certain Tract of Land in the County of Hunterdon, of Thomas Leonard, now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 1, 1779.

The House met.

On Motion,

Ordered,

That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clark and Mr. Foster, be a Committee to bring in a Supplement to an Act, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey.*

A Motion was made for raising, by a Tax, the Sum of *Five Hundred Thousand Pounds* on the same Assessments lately made for raising the Sum of *One Million of Pounds*, to be paid into the Treasury, on or before the first Day of *January* next; on the Question, it was carried in the Negative as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Beam,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Congleton,	Mr. Buck,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Thomson.	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Eldridge,	Mr. Ewing,
	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Collum,
	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Chambers,	

A Petition from Samuel Crowel, of the County of *Suffex*, praying Support for himself and Mary his Wife, out of the Estate of *Joseph Crowel* his Son, who is gone over to the Enemy, was read;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

The House adjourned to five o'Clock Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same and other Bills of Credit*, was read the second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, October 2, 1779.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Salem*, living on each Side *Oldman's Creek*, was presented and read, praying a Law to authorize them to build a Dam and Water-Works across said Creek near the Mouth.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose to the next Session, on advertising the same at least four Weeks in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, and in three of the most publick Places in each of those Counties.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provision from the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time and debated; a Motion was made to strike out the Words *Most Christian Majesty*, and insert the *King of France*;

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Dunham,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Chambers,
Mr. Buck.	Mr. Brookfield,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Drake,
	Mr. Foid,	Mr. Otto,	Mr. Thomson,
	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Bowen,
	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Conington,	Mr. Bawing,
	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Eldridge,	Mr. Mac Collum,
	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Mac Cullough.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Representation to Congress, and the circular Letter to the neighbouring States; and, after sundry Amendments being made thereto,

Resolved,

That this House do agree to the said Representation and Letter, as amended.

Ordered,

That Mr. Otto and Mr. Drake do wait on the Council with the said Letter and Representation, and the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the same, as amended.

Mr. Otto reported, that Mr. Drake and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Sinnickson.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 2, 1779.

THAT Mr. Sinnickson do carry the Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow, lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and Wright's Landing, bounding on Salem Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and keep in repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-Works; to open and keep clear the necessary Water-Courses, and to make such line Ditches as are therein described lawful Fences*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to continue an Act, intitled, An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in,*

the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court, was read the second Time; and, after being amended in the House,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, from Council, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the counterfeiting the same and other Bills of Credit,* was read the third Time with the Amendments;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same, as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Shreve and Mr. Smock do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey,* was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van-Cleve and Mr. Chambers do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court,* was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van-Cleve and Mr. Chambers do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Whereas *Enos Kelsey*, Clothier for this State, hath represented that he finds great Difficulty in purchasing the Articles of Cloathing necessary for the Army, and that from the Information he hath received he conceives he could purchase the Necessaries wanting at a much cheaper Rate in *Boston*, but that considering the Danger and Expence of travelling, the present Allowance given him as Clothier, is not sufficient to enable him to undertake such a Journey;

Resolved,

That if the said *Enos Kelsey*, in order to answer the Purposes of his Appointment, shall find it necessary to go to *Boston* to make Purchases, the Legislature will provide for the Payment of the necessary Expences attending himself and Servant in said Journey.

Resolved,

That the said *Enos Kelsey* be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered

ered to draw from the Treasury of this State, any Sum not exceeding *Forty-five Thousand Pounds*, for the Purpose of purchasing Cloathing, he to be accountable, and that his Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Council with the above Resolutions, and request their Concurrence therein.

Whereas, in the present Situation of Affairs, it is necessary that the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, should be furnished with the proper Means of speedily conveying his Orders to the different Parts of the State ;

Resolved,

That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, be authorized and empowered to call out two Light-Horse Men from any Company in this State, to carry his Dispatches, and to attend him until the first Day of *November* next, who shall be entitled to receive *Fourteen Dollars* by the Day, in Lieu of Bounty and Pay, to be paid by any of the Paymasters of the Militia of this State, on Certificates from the Governor or Commander in Chief, specifying the Time they may have respectively attended in such Service.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Council with the above Resolution, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* ten o'Clock.

Monday, October 4, 1779.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Council-Chamber, October 2, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message received from the House of Assembly this Morning, by Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Drake* ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do carry the Representation and Letter mentioned in the said Message to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House do agree to the first, third, fourth and sixth Amendments made to the Representation to Congress ; and to the first Amendment made to the circular Letter to the neighbouring States ; and that this House do not agree to the Rest of the Amendments made by the House of Assembly :

Whereupon the House resumed the Consideration of the said Amendments ;

On the fifth Amendment, *viz.* to strike out *it is impossible for us, &c.* to the End of the Paragraph ; and insert, *and that no State on viewing the Measure in its proper Light and full Extent will think of opposing it :*

On the Question, Whether the House will recede from the said Amendment ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>J. Schenck,</i>	Mr. <i>Hand,</i>	Mr. <i>Mott,</i>
Mr. <i>P. Schenck,</i>	Mr. <i>Townsend,</i>	Mr. <i>Fessler,</i>
Mr. <i>Sebring,</i>	Mr. <i>Chamber,</i>	Mr. <i>Cripps,</i>
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick,</i>	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve,</i>	Mr. <i>Maybeau,</i>
Mr. <i>Bunn,</i>	Mr. <i>Thomson,</i>	Mr. <i>Dunham,</i>
Mr. <i>Fenimore,</i>	Mr. <i>Buck,</i>	Mr. <i>Drake,</i>
Mr. <i>Shreve,</i>	Mr. <i>Shaffer,</i>	Mr. <i>Boacen,</i>
Mr. <i>Clark,</i>	Mr. <i>Mac Collum,</i>	Mr. <i>Ewing.</i>
Mr. <i>Congleton,</i>	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough.</i>	

On the eighth Amendment, *viz.* to strike out, *That if Prices should be fixed at any certain Standard and not to descend, &c.* to the End of the Paragraph; and insert, *That an Attempt to reduce Prices at once to the Standard of the Year 1774, or to descend by a regular Scale of Gradation until they shall arrive at that Standard, would have a Tendency to destroy the Effects intended, by discouraging the industrious Part of the Community, and producing a total Stagnation of Trade, and thereby render a Measure, in itself salutary and advantageous, oppressive and burdensome in the Mode of Execution; but if Prices are at once reduced to nearly the Amount of the natural Depreciation, until judicious Taxation shall have Time to operate, we conceive none will have Cause of Complaint, and few will be affected by the Measure, that have not contributed in a great Degree to the Depreciation of the Currency, by Monopolization and the Enhancement of the Prices of the Necessaries or Conveniencies of Life, for the Aggrandizement of their own Fortunes on the Ruin of their Country:*

On the Question, Whether the House will recede from said Amendments? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. P. Schenck,
Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Mac Collum,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Mac Cullough.	Mr. Cripps,
Mr. Fenimore,		Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Clark,		Mr. Townlend,
Mr. Congleton,		Mr. Drake,
Mr. Hand,		Mr. Buck,
Mr. Dunham,		Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Chambers,		Mr. Ewing.

Mr. Van-Cleve reported, that Mr. Chambers and himself had delivered the Messages with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Condict.

Council-Chamber, October 2, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 29th of September last, by Mr. Wilson and Mr. P. Schenck, respecting a certain Instrument of Writing, purporting to be a Charter of Incorporation of the *First-day Baptist Church*, in the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, &c.

Resolved,

That this House do not concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Condict.

Council-Chamber, October 2, 1779.

WHEREAS a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying for a Charter for certain Privileges to be granted to the *First-day Baptist Church* in *Hopewell*, in the said County, was presented to the Legislature of this State in *March*, 1778, and it being the first Application of the Kind, under the present Government, and the Legislature, then sitting, not fully satisfied whether the Power of granting Charters was vested in the Legislative or Executive Authority, the said Petition being presented to the Governor, who being so advised by the Privy-Council, and having also the Opinion of the Attorney-General, did, in Pursuance of such Advice, grant and

and affix the Great Seal of the State to a Charter, in Compliance with the Prayer of the said Petitioners: And the present Legislature having maturely considered the Constitution and Origin of the present Government, are rather of Opinion, that the Right and Power of granting Charters is vested in, and of Consequence must ever remain with, the Representatives of the People: And whereas the present Session is near the Close, and the House not so full as could be wished, when a Matter of such Importance is determined; therefore,

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the next Legislature, to consider and determine the Subject-Matter above-mentioned; and that the Petitions for Charters preferred to the present Council and Assembly, be deferred until such Determination is made.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence in the above Resolution.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Mayhew*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Deare*.

Council-Chamber, October 4, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the two Messages from the House of Assembly of Saturday last, by Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers*; one relative to authorizing *Enos Kelsey* to draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding *Forty-five Thousand Pounds*, &c. the other relative to authorizing the Governor to call out two Light-Horse Men to carry his Dispatches, &c.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

A Memorial from sundry Officers of the Detachment of Militia raised in Virtue of the Act, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia*, &c. was presented and read, setting forth that they look upon themselves entitled to the Allowance made to the Continental Troops, by a Resolve of Congress of the 18th of *August* last, which the Paymaster hath refused to pay, and praying the Determination of the Legislature, whether the said Allowance is to be extended to them; whereupon

Resolved unanimously,

That it is the Opinion of this House they are not entitled to the same.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Reply to His Excellency's Answer to the Representation of this House, as follows:

To His Excellency the GOVERNOR and the PRIVY-COUNCIL.

ON the Governor's Answer to the Representation of this House, we beg Leave to observe—That the Distribution therein set forth appears

pears to be just, had it taken Place; but must confess we are surprized to hear that the Privy-Council has had no further Agency, as the Disposal of those Troops was by the Law expressly committed to them, in Conjunction with the Governor:

✓ That the Appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel *Taylor*, being entirely unwarranted by Law, is a Measure this House can by no Means approve of; and was, in our Opinion, unnecessary, as was the stationing the Major (designated by this House as an Assistant to the Colonel) at *Newark*, a Circumstance no doubt very humiliating to him, having scarcely a Captain's Command:

✓ That the Disposal of those Troops has been left to the Direction of Colonel *Taylor*, is confidently asserted, and seems to be supported by His Excellency's Answer: This appears the more extraordinary, as Colonel *Fell*'s Appointment in the said Regiment was previous to that of Colonel *Taylor*, and his "Character for Prudence and Impartiality" equally "known;" be that as it may, that a Trust reposed in the Governor and Privy-Council should be transferred to any other Person, however unexceptionable his Character may be, is what we cannot account for, nor do we think the Deficiency in Numbers, or Sicknes of the Men, a sufficient Reason for detaining so many at one Post, as the Directions in the Law will apply equally to a small as to a large Number; and the Sicknes appears, by Colonel *Taylor*'s own Letter laid before the House, to be in a great Measure owing to the Want of proper Quarters.

A late Proposal from the Council of enlisting more Men for a Guard to be stationed at or near *South-Amboy*, sets the Inequality of the Distribution in a yet stronger Light, as a Number of Men, more than sufficient to have kept up the Guard at that Post, were taken from the Neighbourhood and ordered elsewhere.

As the Answer given to the Representation made by this House does not, in our Opinion, contain any sufficient Reasons for the present unequal Disposition of those Men, we take the Liberty to request that one Company of the said Troops may be ordered to *South Amboy*, and that in general they may be stationed agreeably to the Law and the Design of the Legislature.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* do wait on the Governor with the said Reply.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Cripps* reported, that Mr. *Dunham* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Deare*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, October 5, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Mayhew*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported

ported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent engrossing, monopolizing, and enhancing the Prices of Produce, Manufacture, and the common Necessaries of Life, in this State*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark and Mr. Kirkpatrick do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Clark reported, that Mr. Kirkpatrick and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Vice-President of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Resolved,

That *Isaac Collins* be employed to strike off One Thousand Copies of the Act, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating, training and arraying the Militia*, to be distributed among the Militia-Officers of this State.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mac Cullough and Mr. Congleton do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.

A Petition from *William Campbell, John P. Demarest and Jacobus P. Demarest*, was presented and read, setting forth, that they were flying from the Enemy in May last, and arrived at the new Bridge near Hackinsack just as Colonel Clark's Men were taking up the Bridge; that the said Men refused to wait until they could get their Carriages over, alledging their Orders, by which Means they lost whatever they had with them to a very considerable Amount, as per Inventory enclosed, and praying Relief;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 5, 1779.

THAT Mr. Tallman do carry the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same and other Bills of Credit*, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendment.

Which Bill being read and compared,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand and Mr. Smock do carry back the said Bill to the Council, to be lodged in the Secretary's Office.

A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 5, 1779.

THAT Mr. Tallman do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 5, 1779.

THAT Mr. Tallman do carry the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Whereas this House is informed that Captain *James Morgan*, of the County of *Middlesex*, hath for some Time past kept up a Guard at and near *South Amboy*; which Guard appears to have been absolutely necessary for the Security of the Neighbourhood; therefore

Resolved,

That the Paymaster to the Militia for the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex* be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to pay to the said *James Morgan*, for the Use of himself and the said Guard, the usual Pay and Allowances granted to the Militia, together with *Fifteen Shillings* per Day each during the Time they have subsisted themselves, from the eighth Day of *August* last to the eighth Day of *October* Instant, on his producing Payrolls for the same properly authenticated.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Smock* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.

Mr. *Mac Cullough* reported, that Mr. *Congleton* and himself delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to the President in Council.

Mr. *Hand* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had obeyed the Orders of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Condict.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 5, 1779.

THAT Mr. Condict wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Guest, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and jelling the Blubber by him lately invented*, is negatived by this House.

Whereas it has been represented to this House that the Barracks at *New-Brunswick* and *Perth-Amboy* are falling into Decay, and liable to be wasted and destroyed, through the Want of some Person to take the Care and Oversight of them; therefore

Resolved,

That *Jeremiah Manning*, Esquire, of the County of *Middlesex*, be, and he is hereby appointed and requested to take Charge of the said Barracks, to close up the Doors and Windows thereof, and to prevent the same, as far as may be in his Power, from being damaged; and that he lay an Account of such Expences as he may incur in this Behalf, with his Vouchers therefor, together with the Condition in which he may find the said Barracks, before the Legislature at any of their Sitzings for their Allowance and Payment.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the House adjourned till nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, October 6, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Bowen*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to discharge from their Appointment Samuel Forman, Joseph Lawrence and Kenneth Hankinson, three of the Commissioners appointed for taking Charge of, and selling the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders in the County of Monmouth*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Witnesses in Support of the Petition of *Christiana Saunders*, were introduced and examined;

Ordered,

That she have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition.

Whereupon

Mr. *P. Schenck*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to divorce Christiana Saunders, late Longstreet, from her Husband John Saunders*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 6, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and referred to the next Session.

Mr. *Ford* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to Mr. *Sinnickson*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Resolved,

That the Paymaster of the Militia for the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex* be authorized and directed to pay to Lieutenant-Colonel *John Taylor*, appointed by His Excellency the Governor and the Privy-Council as an Assistant to Colonel *Frelinghuysen* in the Command of the Troops embodied by Law, the Amount of his Pay and Allowances as Lieutenant-Colonel, agreeably to an Act, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, during the Time he has served in that Station, on a proper Payroll being produced to the said Paymaster for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Foster* reported, that Mr. *Hand* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Condict*, as follows :

Council-Chamber, October 6, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the two Messages of Yesterday from the House of Assembly, one relative to having One Thousand Copies of the Supplement to the Militia Law printed, and the other relative to authorizing the Paymaster to the Militia to pay Captain *James Morgan*, for the Use of himself and Guard, their Pay and Subsistence ; and also the Message of this Day by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Cripps*, relative to authorizing *Jeremiah Manning* to take Charge of the Barracks at *New-Brunswick* and *Amboy* ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Council-Chamber, October 6, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day by Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand*, relative to Lieutenant-Colonel *Taylor's* Pay,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 6, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 6, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Cooper* do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Fines and Fees of Constables*, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and referred to the next Session.

Whereas His Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Privy-Council, did, in Pursuance of the Directions of an Act, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, issue a Proclamation promising the Reward of *Five Hundred Pounds* for apprehending a certain *Lewis Fenton*, a notorious Felon in the County of *Monmouth*, so that he should be legally convicted of the Crimes wherewith he stood charged : And whereas it is represented to the Legislature that some Persons, encouraged by the said Proclamation, have lately, in attempting to apprehend the said *Fenton*, been under a Necessity of killing him, by which Means the Conviction of the said *Fenton*, agreeably to the Tenor of the said Act, is become impracticable, and the Reward cannot be paid without the Concurrence of the Legislature ; therefore

Resolved,

That His Excellency the Governor, on proper Proof of the Fact being made to him, be authorized to draw his Warrant on the Treasurer for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* in Favour of the Person or Persons who may have killed the said *Fenton*, or of any Person properly authorized to receive the same on his or their Behalf.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, for Concurrence.

The

The House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of the second of *October*, by Mr. *Condict*, respecting a certain Instrument of Writing purporting to be a Charter of Incorporation of the *First-day Baptist Church*, in the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and the Resolution accompanying the same;

Resolved unanimously,

That this House cannot concur in the said Resolution for the following Reasons:

1st. Because it does not appear from the Minutes of the House of Assembly of *March* 1778, or at any Time within that Year, that any Application was made, or any Petition presented by any of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, for a Charter for certain Privileges to be granted to the *First-day Baptist Church* in *Hopewell*, in said County, as stated in the Preamble of the said Resolution of Council, much less that there ever was any Doubt in the House of Assembly whether the Power of granting Charters was vested in the Legislative or Executive Authority, as seems sufficiently evident from an Extract from the Minutes of the House of the second of *October* 1777, unaccountably omitted in the printed Journals, but copied *verbatim* from the Original, as follows:

“ A Petition was presented from the *First-day Baptist Society* in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, a Law for Incorporation of the said Society; which was read; and, on the Question,

“ *Ordered,*

“ That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.”

2d. Because the Words in the Preamble to the said Resolution, *viz.* “ And the present Legislature having maturely considered the Constitution and Origin of the present Government, are rather of Opinion that the Right and Power of granting Charters is vested in, and of Consequence must ever remain with, the Representatives of the People,” seems to imply Uncertainty and Doubt on that Subject, whereas this House is clearly of Opinion that the Right and Power of granting Charters is unquestionably vested in the Representatives of the People.

3d. Because this House is not conscious of any Impropriety in their Undertaking to determine the Matter in Question at this Time, as whatever may have been the Case in Council, the House of Assembly was by no Means thin when the Resolutions of the 29th of *September* last were sent from this House to the Council for their Concurrence, there being at that Time more than thirty Members present. And

Lastly. Because there does not appear to this House the least Necessity of recommending the Consideration of a Matter to the next Legislature which may, without Impropriety, be determined at this Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *J. Schenck* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read the second Time, and amended in the House;

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o’Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, October 7, 1779.

The House met.

Mr. *Drake* reported, that Mr. *Cripps* and himself delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to Mr. *Holmes*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Shreve* reported, that Mr. *J. Schenck* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to Mr. *Tallman*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer of this State be authorized and directed to pay to *Zachariah Rossell*, of *Mountholly*, the Sum of *One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds*, for Articles purchased and Service done by the said *Zachariah Rossell*, in Pursuance of his Appointment of the first of *May 1779*, he to be accountable, whole Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Representation to Congress, was read and compared ;

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *P. Schenck* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Thomson* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Resolution with them entrusted to the Vice-President in Council.

Mr. *Townsend* reported, that Mr. *Schenck* and himself had obeyed the Order of the House.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*.

Council-Chamber, October 7, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Cripps*, relative to authorizing the Governor to draw a Warrant on the Treasurer for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Council-Chamber, October 7, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing *Zachariah Rossell*, of *Mountholly*, to draw from the Treasury *One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds*,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith; and that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Fenimore*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such publick Accounts as should be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, reported that there is due to the several Persons under named, the Sums annexed to their respective Names, *that is to say,*

To *David Thomson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Samuel Seward*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six pence*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of Doctor *Gardner Jones*, for Medicines and Attendance of *Samuel Banta*, a wounded Soldier in the Six Months Service, the Sum of *Sixty-two Pounds Eight Shillings*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of Doctor *Gardner Jones* for Medicines and Attendance for *David Campbell* and *David Demarest*, sick Soldiers in the Six Months Service, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds Sixteen Shillings*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Henry Van-Dalsen*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Six Pounds Four Shillings*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Samuel Verveelen*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Jacob Persal*, for a Gun and Cartouch-box lost in the Service, the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *David Campbell*, for a Gun and Cartouch-box lost in the Service, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Abraham Brewer*, for a Gun and Cartouch-box lost in the Service, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Peter Demarest*, for a Gun and Cartouch-box lost in the Service, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of Doctor *John Van-Buren*, for Attendance and Medicines for sick Soldiers, in the Six Months Service, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Four Pounds*.

To *Thomas Fenimore*, Esquire, for the Use of *Richard Jones*, a wounded Militia-man, for Medicines and Expences, the Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds*.

To *Peter Schenck*, Esquire, for the Use of Captain *Samuel Carhart*, for six Guns by him impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*.

To Colonel *John Neilson*, Paymaster of the Six Months Men, a Balance due, the Sum of *Fifty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence*.

To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *David Covenhoven*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *John Van-Cleve*, for a Gun and Cartouch-box lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Abraham Brewer*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the Service, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of Captain *John Outwater*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lent to *William Baker*, and lost in Battle, the Sum of *Eleven Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *Nicholas Van-Brunt*, High-Sheriff of *Monmouth*, for removing of Criminals to *Burlington Gaol*, the Sum of *Fifty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *Nehemiah Dunham*, Esquire, for the Use of *Jacob Demott*, for one Gun lent and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Five Shillings*.

To the Executors of *Garret Van-Vleet*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *John Hoffman*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *John Henry*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To *Robert Burchen*, for two Guns lost in the Service, the Sum of *Eight Pounds*.

To *Peter Schenck*, Esquire, for the Use of *Jonathan Peirce*, *John Van-bracket* and *John Huff*, for three Guns lost in the Service, the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds*.

To *James Mott*, Esquire, for attending on the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, at different Times from the 15th of *May*, 1778, to the 6th of *September*, 1779, the Sum of *One Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Ten Shillings*.

To *James M'Combs*, for attending on the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, in the Months of *August* and *September*, the Sum of *Seventy-one Pounds Five Shillings*.

To *Edward Bunn*, Esquire, Paymaster of the Six Months Men, a Balance due, the Sum of *Four Pounds and Nine-pence*.

To *Elijah Clark*, Esquire, for the Use of *Elizabeth Williams*, for Expences with and Nursing her Son *Miles Sage*, a wounded Soldier in the Militia, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two-pence*.

To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of Doctor *Garret Van-Wagenen*, for Medicines and Attendance on the sick Soldiers belonging to Colonel *Fell's* Detachment of embodied Militia, the Sum of *Fifty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings*.

SILAS CONDUCT,
THOMAS FENIMORE.

The House having considered the said Report,
Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed and empowered to pay to the several Persons therein named, the Sums allowed to them respectively.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the above Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Sebring* reported, that Mr. *Bunn* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Condict*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Sebring*.
A Message

A Message from the Governor, enclosing a Letter from His Excellency General *Washington*, of the 4th of *October*, was read and referred to the Committee on the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand Militia of this State, &c.*

Whereas it appears from the Journals of Congress, that some of the Delegates from this State have drawn Money from the Continental Treasury, and that the State is charged with the Sums so drawn; therefore

Resolved,

That no Representative of this State in Congress has a Right to draw Money from the Treasury of the United States, on the Credit of this State, without an Order from the Legislature for that Purpose:

The following Resolution was proposed, *viz.*

Resolved,

That this State will not assume or acknowledge any Debt with which it has been or shall be charged as aforesaid:

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Mott,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Cleave,
Mr. Ford,	Mr. J. Schenck,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Drake,
Mr. Buck,	Mr. P. Schenck,	Mr. Cripps,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Boven,	Mr. Smock,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Faving,
Mr. Mac Collum.	Mr. Sebring,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Shaffer,
	Mr. Kirkpatrick,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mac Cullough.
	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Dunham,	
	Mr. Fenimore,	Mr. Chambers,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* do wait on the Council with the Representation to Congress, and acquaint them that this House do recede from the Amendments made thereto by this House, and disagreed to by the Council; that Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Clark*, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council in a free Conference on the Amendment made by this House to the Letter to the neighbouring States, and disagreed to by the Council; and that they be requested to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Vice-President in Council.

Two Messages from Council by Mr. *Sinnickson*, as follows:

Council-Chamber, October 7, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in free Conference for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; that the said Committee meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain* immediately; and that Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Council-Chamber, October 7, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution directing the Treasurer to pay several Sums of Money to different Persons allowed them by the Committee of Accounts;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

In

In Privy-Council, October 7, 1779.

To the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, on their Message of the 5th Instant: Directed to His Excellency the GOVERNOR and PRIVY-COUNCIL:

THE Board beg Leave to observe, that we cannot account, nor do we think we are answerable, for the Surprize of the House, so soon after they acknowledge the Distribution of the Troops being the only one made to be just; especially as we conceive no further Agency of the Privy-Council was by Law required, unless the Movements of the Enemy, or some other material Alteration of Circumstances, which has not yet appeared, had rendered the same necessary.

The House in their second Paragraph have pre-judged the Appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel *Taylor* to be unnecessary; without knowing the special Reasons that induced the Board to make the same; although it has been suggested to several Members of the House, that such did at the Time exist, in order that if any Doubts arose on the Subject, an Opportunity might have been had for obviating such Doubts.

If the Assembly had any Design of stationing a Major, other than what the Law expressed, they should at least have made it known, that their Dictates, if consistent with that Discretion by Law vested in the Board, might have been followed.

And if there has been, or now is, any unequal or illegal Distribution of the Troops, as suggested in the Message, it must arise from Causes to us unknown, and if any Fault on the Occasion, it remains with those who have the proper Information thereof.

By Order of the Board,

BOWES REED, Secretary.

Mr. *Sebring*, from the Committee of Conference appointed this Day, reported as follows, viz.

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of a circular Letter to the neighbouring States, having met and considered the Matter to us referred, beg Leave to report—That the Conferrees recommend to the Council to agree to so much of the second Amendment made by the Assembly to the circular Letter, as to strike out the Words *with you* in the twentieth Line of the second Page of the said Letter, and that the Assembly recede from all the Rest of the said Amendments.

SILAS CONDUCT,
ROELOFF SEBRING.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, viz.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Wilson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thomson</i> .	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Congleton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shaffer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Foster</i> ,
Mr. <i>P. Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mayhew</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Collum</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cripps</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sebring</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mac Cullough</i> .	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kirkpatrick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dunham</i> ,		Mr. <i>Drake</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chambers</i> ,		Mr. <i>Buck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fenimore</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,		Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Letter, as amended? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Smock* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 7, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, and also the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, are passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Congleton* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Tallman*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, October 8, 1779.

The House met,

And adjourned till three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, reported sundry Amendments to the same, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, with the Amendments, was read the third Time:

Whereupon,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same, as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Drake* do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. *Thomson* reported, that Mr. *Drake* and himself had delivered the Bill and Amendments with them entrusted, to the President in Council.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning eight of the Clock.

Saturday, October 9, 1779.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering certain Parts of the Main Road leading from Salem to Burlington, in the County of Gloucester*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That the same be referred to the next Session; and that in the mean Time, the Petitioners do publish the Substance and Design of the said Bill in five of the most publick Places of the Township of *Woodbury*, in the County of *Gloucester*, two Weeks preceding the twelfth Day of

November next, that, if any Persons shall think themselves aggrieved thereby, they may be enabled to offer their Objections to the Legislature on or before the said Day.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Cooper*.

Council-Chamber, October 9, 1779.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, by the House of Assembly;

Resolved,

That the House agree to the 14th, 17th and Part of the 22d Amendments made to the said Bill, and in all other Respects adhere to their Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the above Resolution.

The House having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House do recede from the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House, and rejected by the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Wilson* do carry back the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, was read the second Time and debated;

Ordered,

That the same be read a third Time.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Wilson* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to the President in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, was read the third Time.

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that Mr. *Van-Cleve* and himself had delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted to Mr. *Condict*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Resolved,

THAT *Isaac Collins* be directed immediately to print Four Hundred Copies of the Act, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*; and that he be requested to employ Expresses to carry the Proportion thereof for each to the several Counties in this State; and that the Expences accruing thereby shall be defrayed.

The House having taken the same into Consideration,

Resolved,

That this House do concur in the said Resolution.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Condict*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, October 9, 1779.

THAT Mr. *Condict* carry the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

Which Bill being read and compared,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Shaffer* and Mr. *Mac Cullough* do carry back the said Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Ford* reported, that Mr. *Smock* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to Mr. *Cooper*, one of the Members of the Council, the Council not sitting.

Mr. *Shaffer* reported, that Mr. *Mac Cullough* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted to the Clerk of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House rose and closed the Session.

BY VIRTUE of an ORDER of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of *New-Jersey*, I do hereby appoint *Isaac Collins*, of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

CALEB CAMP, SPEAKER.

Copy of a REPRESENTATION to CONGRESS, omitted in the Minutes of the last Sitting.

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The REMONSTRANCE and PETITION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of NEW-JERSEY;

Sheweth,

THAT by a Resolution of Congress of 16th *September*, 1776, when the Establishment of the *American Army* was formed, the Appointment of all Officers and filling up Vacancies, except General Officers, was left to the Governments of the several States.

That since the acceding of this State to the Confederation, we had apprehended this Right was rather confirmed than otherwise, as far as related to the Troops of the State; the 7th Article reciting, that when Land-forces are raised by any State for the Common Defence, all Officers of, or under, the Rank of Colonel, shall be appointed by the Legislature of each State respectively, by which such Forces shall be raised, or in such Manner as such State shall direct, and all Vacancies shall be filled up by the State, which first made the Appointment.

That, conformable to this, we conceive was the Meaning of Congress in their Resolution of the 8th *March* last, prescribing the Mode of commissioning Officers appointed by the respective States, with the Directions of which this State cannot comply, as no Notices are given of Vacancies happening in the respective Corps of Officers appertaining to it.

That Officers are, from Time to Time, appointed, and Vacancies filled without the Agency or Participation, or even the Knowledge of the State; and we are constrained to mention particularly a late Arrangement of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, in which, while some Officers who deserved well were of Necessity left out as supernumerary, others were unnecessarily left out, and new Creations and Promotions made, by what Authority we know not. That we are ignorant by whom these Appointments and Promotions are in any Case made; and cannot with Indifference be deprived of what was intended as a Right and Privilege; nor can we acknowledge, as Officers, Persons who must be irregularly and illegally made so.

It is therefore our Prayer that Congress will interpose their Authority, to prevent such Contraventions of their Arrangements, and direct that due and regular Notices of all Vacancies be given to the Governor of the State, to be by him communicated to the Legislature, in order that proper Regard may be paid to the Intentions of Congress, and the Rights of the State.

Trenton, May 11th, 1779.

End of the third Assembly

